

## PENSIONER HIT BY BIN LORRY ON CROSSING DIES FROM INJURIES



The scene of the collision in Pleck Road

A MAN struck by a bin lorry in Walsall has died from his injuries.

The 76-year-old man, who has not yet been named, died following the incident outside Walsall Manor Hospital, in Pleck Road on Friday. Officers were called to the scene around 1.45pm.

The pensioner was pronounced dead in hospital a short time later.

The driver of the lorry, operated by waste management firm Biffa, is helping officers with their investigation.

Sergeant Paul Hughes, from West Midlands Police's Collision Investigation Unit, said: "The driver of the lorry was spoken to at the scene and is assisting our investigation. Officers put cordons in place while

emergency services investigated and the man was treated for his injuries. We would like to hear from anyone who witnessed what happened and hasn't yet spoken to us.

"Our thoughts remain with the gentleman's family at this sad time," he said.

Biffa issued a statement confirming one of its lorries had been involved in the incident.

It said: "The police are currently conducting an investigation into the cause of the incident and Biffa is fully co-operating with the police in this matter."

Pleck Councillor Harbans Sahori said: "I'm very sorry to hear that he died, my thoughts are with his family, it is very sad. I know there is a button there you can

press to cross the road, but if the traffic comes from the Wolverhampton side, it is not always easy for them to see cars coming.

"I've written to the council to ask them to look at this road before but it hasn't been done yet.

"It's very busy for the pedestrians to try and cross there. People said the road was closed for two hours down there.

"It really is a terribly sad incident. I hope nothing like this ever happens on that road again."

Dave Cole, who runs Impact Thai Boxing and Functional Training Gym on Wharf Street, just off the Pleck Road, said: "I was told by the lady in the shop that the chap had died. It's very sad."

## APPLAUSE

## Villa fans in tribute to tragic schoolboy

ASTON Villa fans are set to pay tribute to a Black Country schoolboy who died after being hit by a bus.

Villa-mad Aston Soulsby died in hospital last week following the accident on Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury on November 1. Tributes have poured in for the 12-year-old Phoenix Collegiate pupil and more than £2,500 has already been raised in his memory on an online funding page. The money will be donated to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Villa fans plan a minute's applause during the game away at Brighton and Hove Albion tomorrow night (Friday). Scores of fans have pledged to join in with the tribute.

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## RESURFACING

## Roadworks means delays expected

DRIVERS in Willenhall are warned to expect delays for the next week as overnight work on three roads takes place. The work was beginning yesterday (Wednesday).

The A462 Wesley Road, A462 Coltham Road and A462 Straight Road will all be shut from 7pm until 6am between the junctions of Coppice Road and Bloxwich Road North. The work is expected to finish next Tuesday.

Tarmac is carrying out resurfacing works on behalf of Walsall Council.

## PETITION

## Hundreds more join gallery closure fight

HUNDREDS more people have backed campaigns to protect Walsall's art gallery and leather museum.

Walsall Council has proposed axing the New Art Gallery and relocating Walsall Leather Museum to within the central library.

Both are part of measures to save £86 million in the next four years on the back of reductions in Government funding.

More than 5,500 people have backed the art gallery campaign while a further 2,300 have joined the leather museum petition, which was launched at a later date.

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## Tears are shed to honour fallen



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# Company finds new home at i54 site after 178 years

# END OF ERA AS

# LOCK FIRM MOVES

ERA, one of the most famous names in Black Country lockmaking, is to leave its Willenhall home after nearly two centuries.

The firm is moving to a new factory on the i54 site off the M54 in South Staffordshire. The site, on the northern edge of Wolverhampton, is already a hive of hi-tech activity as the home of Jaguar Land Rover's engine factory and the Moog aerospace plant. Now it will be the new base for ERA, a lockmaker that can trace its roots back to 1838 – some 178 years ago.

The company is a leading name in the world of locks, security hardware and electronics and is now at the forefront of developing 'smart' home security technology.

Now part of the Tyman group, it will move its headquarters at Straight Road in Short Heath, as well as other operations at Wolverhampton and Coventry, into a 135,000 sq ft facility that will be purpose-built.

## Assembly

The move will affect around 150 people across the three sites.

Work is due to get under way soon, with ERA hoping to start moving into its new home by late next year.

Company CEO Darren Waters said the move would help to transform ERA into Britain's leading home security business and employer of choice within the sector and beyond.

The new facility will include design, prototyping, testing, manufacturing, assembly, warehousing and a customer training centre. Mr Waters said: "i54 is an outstanding business location with excellent transport links.

"It's a great fit with our long term business

## Report by Simon Penfold

ness strategy and will help to differentiate our brand, both as a supplier and employer," he added.

The move has been welcomed by civic leaders.

Councillor John Reynolds, economy chief at Wolverhampton council, said: "Adding ERA to the growing list of impressive brands at i54 is another key milestone in the site's development."

Staffordshire County Council's economy leader, Mark Winnington, said: "i54 South Staffordshire is now renowned for leading global business and innovation.

"ERA has a proud industrial heritage and is now a leading player in home security products," Councillor Winnington added.

"The move to its new HQ will allow the company to continue to expand and innovate in modern, purpose-built facilities.

"ERA's addition to i54 South Staffordshire is another significant milestone in the site's development, bringing more investment and jobs to our area."



ERA Products Straight Road, Lane Head, Willenhall, which is on the move to the i54 site



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# Cooking on gas, as restaurant in top 10



Seated is head chef Steve Biggs with staff at the Walsall College Littleton Restaurant

A WALSALL restaurant is celebrating its first birthday by being ranked as one of the top 10 restaurants in the borough.

The Littleton, opened by Walsall College as part of its £11 million businesses and sports hub, has been given the ranking on the TripAdvisor Website.

Headed up by AA rosette winning chefs, Steve Biggs and Paul Ingleby, the 40-seat bistro focus on British cuisine using locally sourced ingredients.

To celebrate its success, the restaurant on Littleton Street West has launched special four course lunch and six course dinner Christmas menus, which are available for bookings from November 28 to December 23.

Davinia Biggs, the manager at the restaurant, said: "All of the reviews we've received so far have given us five stars, which is great testament to the hard work and efforts our chefs and their team put in to ensuring guests have an outstanding dining experience.

"Our vision when we first opened was to offer a high-quality bistro dining experience with good food in a modern setting and we are delighted that diners are coming from far afield. We see a real mix of customers from business professionals at lunch and early evening for after work

drinks, to families and friends celebrating special occasions with evening meals."

Comments on TripAdvisor include: "Top end fine dining food at an unbelievable price", "Absolutely outstanding" and "This is a must-try restaurant...what a hidden gem!"

The Littleton, located in The Hub next to Walsall College's Wisemore Campus, is also creating chefs of the future through its apprenticeship programme.

To make a booking you can call Davinia Biggs 01922 657090 or to view the menus and opening times visit [www.thelittletonrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.thelittletonrestaurant.co.uk)

# Better jobs help needed for young women, claim

A CHARITY is calling for more flexible and personalised support for young females as a report shows that Jobcentres are failing to help them into work.

Only 19 per cent of young women who visited a Jobcentre in the last year said it helped them find a job, according to the Work It Out report with 44 per cent saying Jobcentre Plus had not given them useful information about work and training opportunities.

Young Women's Trust is concerned that the centres are driving young women away and alienating them from claiming the temporary financial support they need.

The majority of young women surveyed were negative about their experiences with 59 per cent describing their time at a Jobcentre as "humiliating" while 68 per cent said it was "stressful". Another 21 per cent said they were treated with no respect by centre staff.

Young Women's Trust says more needs to be done to support young women into work.

More than half say they lack self-confidence generally and nearly 40 per cent say they are not confident applying for a new job.

Dr Carole Easton, chief executive of Young Women's Trust, said: "Young women are more likely to be out of education, employment and training than young men.

"They want to work and be financially independent but they aren't getting the necessary support. It is clear from this report that Jobcentres need to change."

# Quarter now less likely to visit US

MORE than one in four adults who took part in a survey said they were less likely to visit the United States following Donald Trump's election as President.

The poll by independent researchers Consumer Intelligence found 27 per cent would be less likely to make a US trip, but 68 per cent said the election result will have no impact and five per cent said they are now more likely to visit.

The USA is the fifth most popular destination for UK holidaymakers with around 3.5 million visitors last year spending around £4.5 billion.

Ian Hughes, chief executive of Consumer Intelligence said: "The US will remain a popular destination for UK tourists and businesses but it is clear the election result has produced strong reactions here and in the States."

# Festive Brum date for Bross star Matt

BROS star Matt Goss is to play a solo concert at Birmingham's O2 Arena in Birmingham on December 14. Tickets are on sale now. Matt and his brother Luke are also reuniting for a tour next year including a concert at Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena on August 25.

# Mother is burned in garden rocket blast

A FATHER has described the terrifying moment when a firework shot off towards his family and burned his wife as she tried to protect them.

An ambulance had to be called after the firework exploded in the hands of 27-year-old Aimee Rhoden, who is having ongoing hospital treatment for the burns she sustained.

Deciding to have their own display in their garden on Johnson Road in Darlaston on November 4, Aimee's husband Tony set off some fireworks he had bought earlier in Tipton, to the initial delight of their youngsters, six-year-old Layla and three-year-old Logan.

Mr Rhoden, 30, said: "I followed all the instructions on the rockets and lit them facing away from my family.

"As soon as I lit them I noticed there was something wrong so I called to my wife to try and get the children and herself into the house, but there wasn't enough time.

## Bounced

"The rocket began spinning around in the tube provided, then took off at flight for about three-foot, then turned 90 degrees at us.

"It flew down the garden and hit the patio door, then bounced off Layla's leg and landed next to the children.

"My wife bravely put herself in danger and picked the rocket up.

"She then ran to throw it away from us, but as she tried to throw it, it exploded in her hand and then shot all over my disabled son.

"It looked like he was on fire.

"He didn't have a mark on him luckily, but he was extremely frightened by it all."

However, it was clear that Mrs Rhoden has suffered a nasty burn to her hand, with the skin splitting open



Injured Aimee Rhoden, her children Layla and Logan and her husband Tony, and the fireworks

and bleeding on her hand and further lacerations around her fingers. As well as this injury an inch-long piece of plastic casing from the firework also shot through her boot, leaving it lodged in the top of her foot.

She was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital via ambulance, and has been returning for follow-up appointments.

As well as the ongoing pain, the injuries she sustained is affecting her ability to work as a housekeeping supervisor.

Meanwhile Mr Rhoden who works as a DJ and photographer as well as for DHL, wants to warn others about the dangers of buying fireworks to use at home instead of choosing to enjoy a public display.

He also wants to highlight the bravery of his wife. "At the hospital all the staff praised her, calling her super-mom," he added.

"I am so grateful for her bravery – the situation could have been a lot worse."

West Midlands Fire Service also issued advice about handling fireworks safely.



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## Unpaid £3.82 shop bill led to brawling in the street

A DISPUTE over a £3.82 bill escalated into a street brawl involving bats and sticks, a court heard.

Anthony Foster, aged 39, saw red when he tried to buy chocolate but the boss of Bilston Road Supermarket, in Wednesbury, Naseer Iqbal, told him his partner owed cash.

A scuffle in the store led to sweet stands knocked over and confectionery strewn across the floor.

Mr Iqbal grabbed a hockey stick from behind the counter, while Foster rushed home to pick up a bat, returning to smash up the shop boss's van, said Ms Joanne Barer, prosecuting at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Foster wore a protective mask covering after suffering 90 per cent burns due to an explosion in 2010.

Ms Barker added: "As far as this defendant is concerned, he admitted going into the shop, but said Mr Iqbal tried to attack him and he was acting in self defence."

Foster, of Bilston Road, Wednesbury, pleaded guilty to criminal damage and a Section 4 public order offence. Defence barrister Mr Lee Masters said: "His family and Mr Iqbal had got on very well before this incident. It actually started because his partner was given credit for £3.82 and hadn't paid it off."

Foster was given a two-month sentence, suspended for 18 months, ordered him to carry out a 20-day rehabilitation activity requirement and to pay £305 in fines. He must also stay away from Mr Iqbal and his shop for two years.

## Centre for sexual health now open

A NEW sexual health centre has opened its doors in the borough.

The Walsall Integrated Sexual Health clinic (WiSH) has set up on Navigation Street and provides the same services as its sister on Pleck Road near Walsall Manor Hospital.

This includes chlamydia screening, free contraception and screening and treatment from sexually transmitted infections.

Sexual health consultant Dr Joseph Arumainayagam said: "The opening of this new clinic in the town centre will really benefit those patients in Walsall seeking sexual health treatment and advice."

To book, call 01922 270400 between 8am and 8pm every weekday and from 8am to 4pm on Saturdays.

## Olympian Thomas in lights switch-on

OLYMPIC gymnast Kristian Thomas is to turn on Brewood's Christmas lights next weekend. The event, in the village centre, kicks off at 3pm on Sunday, November 27, with the lights turned on at 5pm.

# Lee saddles up for latest equipment



Paralympian Lee with Spencer Gregory

HE is an 11-time paralympic champion but equestrian star Lee Pearson CBE still takes time to visit the Walsall manufacturer which crafts his specialist saddles.

The 42-year-old from Staffordshire Moorlands was at Ideal Saddles in Walsall last Tuesday for the first time since returning triumphant from the Rio 2016 games where he scooped gold in the grade Ib individual freestyle and silver in the individual dressage.

Pearson spent around two hours chatting to staff at The Old School-based firm which has made two sad-

dles for him in the last four years and gladly sponsor their highest profile client. But perhaps more importantly the iconic rider was also there to collect his latest model from craftsman Spencer Gregory who has spent nearly three weeks making it.

The Tonishia saddle has been custom-made for Pearson to suit his leg position. It is a bespoke model crafted especially for the Paralympic champion and would be worth up to £2,500 if it was sold.

The saddle will stay with him for the rest of his career unless

he changes his horse or the horse changes size.

Pearson's latest gold was his 11th in total having competed at the Sydney, Athens, Beijing and London games previously.

He was born with arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, a condition which means that two or more joints are contracted. Pearson was thrust into the spotlight aged just five when then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher carried him up the stairs at Downing Street to receive a 'Children of Courage' award.

# Assault on wife leads to two-year jail term

POLICE broke down a front door to rescue a screaming woman who was being viciously attacked by her husband, a judge heard.

The officers found Darren Hart beating up Anne, his wife of 30 years, on the kitchen floor, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The 52-year-old had dragged her round the house by the hair after pulling the naked woman out of bed, said Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting.

Hart repeatedly hit her and warned: 'One of us is going to die tonight.'

She was battered, throttled and gouged for around eight minutes before help arrived and later admitted she feared she was going to be killed.

Hart was sentenced to two years in prison at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The court was told anxious neighbours heard the commotion and alerted police who broke in after their knocks on the front door went unanswered.

"They had to force entry and smashed their way in after they heard screams," said Mr Searle.

### Allowed

Hart, who has three children and three grandchildren, had been allowed back into the property in Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton following two earlier assaults on his wife in June and July.

She had taken pity on him when he claimed to have nowhere to live after being ordered by a court to stay away from her.

Mr Searle said that during the early hours of September 30 Mrs Hart was hauled from bed by her husband before being punched on the head and body and dragged by the hair downstairs.

Mrs Hart, who suffered bad bruising to her body and face, later told police she feared she was going to be killed and was worried what her husband might do on release from prison.

Mr Jon Roe, defending, said: "He accepts the relationship is over and there will be a divorce. He cannot believe how he has treated his wife. His behaviour has been appalling and he apologises for the damage caused to a previously close knit family."

Now living at Trentham Avenue, Willenhall, he pleaded guilty to assault and breaching a restraining order and was jailed for two years.

## Family toasts new pub venture



From left, Chris Jackson, Matt Ward, Cannock Camra chairman Don Taylor, Kevin Ward and Jamie Ward

THREE Walsall brothers and their father are taking on a new challenge – running a micro pub in the heart of Cannock's latest new shopping development.

The Newhall Arms has officially opened as part of the multi-million pound Newhall retail development, thanks to brothers Matt, Chris and Jamie Ward, as well as their father Kevin.

Matt, aged 29, from Windsor Grove in Sheffield, said: "There

aren't many pubs doing real cash ales in Cannock, but we found out that there are 400 members of the Camra branch for the area, so we thought this was a golden opportunity.

"I think that is our unique selling point really, the quality of the beer we are going to sell."

"I think the micro-pub phrase is slightly misleading when it comes to this place because it is bigger than you would think."

The family also run The Ashmore pub in Ashmore Park, Wednesfield, but this is their first venture jointly owning a pub.

Matt said: "We have been talking about this for 10 years and to get to this point feels fantastic."

"Considering the excellent location we have got, in the heart of this new shopping development, We really see this as an opportunity to go for it. We are determined to make this a success."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Run by fan helps injured footballer

A FOOTBALL fan has run her first ever 10k to raise funds for a midfielder who broke his leg in two places.

Chasetown FC fan Nikki Jay raised £100 for Josh Craddock, after he suffered the injury during a 1-0 win over Rugby Town. Eighteen-year-old Nikki completed the run in one hour and 20 minutes. Fellow fans also donated £300 to a bucket collection during Chasetown's 5-2 win over Gresley.

Craddock, aged 25, has also played for Walsall, Halesowen Town, Hednesford Town, Stourbridge and Rushall Olympic.

### Foundry's sales and profits fall

A BROWNHILLS foundries group saw sales and profits slip in the six months to the end of September.

Castings, which has its headquarters in Lichfield Road, was hit by reduced demand from its main customers.

Sales fell from £65 million a year to £57.9m, with pre-tax profit down from £9.51m to £7.08m.

The firm says that while it does not anticipate any significant further reductions in output, it does not expect to see any improvement for the remainder of the financial year.

### Factory extension is well on track

AN extension to a Cheslyn Hay manufacturer's factory is due to be completed early in the new year.

Steelwork for PP Control & Automation's £1 million extension is now in place at the Landywood Green site.

The project will add 1,000 sq m of production space, including a new logistics department. The company needs the additional capacity to achieve its target of doubling sales turnover to £40m by 2021. New staff are also being recruited.

### Magnificent play tells of pioneering aviators

A PLAY about a pair of pioneering British aviators is being staged in Walsall this weekend.

The Foundry Group is putting on Those Magnificent Men at The Lamp arts venue in Brownhills Activity Centre, Chester Road North, on Saturday, at 7.30pm.

It tells of Captain John Alcock and Lieutenant Arthur Whitten-Brown, who flew across the Atlantic in a converted Vickers biplane. Tickets are £6. Call 01543 452119.

### Festive mini-market

A GREAT Wyrley church holds a mini-market with a Christmas theme this weekend. It takes place at Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church, Walsall Road, from 10.30am to noon on Saturday. Admission is free.

Refreshments will be available, including tea/coffee and bacon butties.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THE red remembrance poppy sold by the Royal British Legion has always been avoided by pacifists who prefer the white poppy of the Peace Pledge Union. The Legion's view, as explained on its website is: "We see no conflict in wearing the red poppy alongside the white poppy. We do ask that the items are not offered alongside each other however as this would confuse the public." So how odd that the Legion's online shop is selling not only the red poppy but also a white poppy.

MIND you, the Legion does some strange things with the hallowed poppy image. In its online shop you can buy a pet-food dish with alternating paw and poppy logos. Tacky does not begin to describe it.

A READER asks whether, in the great scheme of things, the US presidential elections and the poppy row with Fifa are more or less momentous than Toblerone re-designing its chocolate bar. We must let history be the judge.

THE most solid and, literally, concrete pledge of the Trump campaign was to build that wall on the Mexican border to keep illegal immigrants out. Yessir, it was gonna be wide and high – and Mexico would pay for it. Within a few hours of Trump's victory, his aides were advising us to think of it as a virtual, smart or metaphorical wall.

DONALD Trump's victory led to one of those hilarious pieces of pompous, self-regarding nonsense that make The Guardian such



Damn right. Forget Isis, the Russians, the Chinese and home-grown terror. The one thing that Donald really dreads is a hissy column from Polly Toynbee.

AT any other time the deaths of seven passengers, with more than 50 others injured, would have been recognised as the national calamity it is. The Croydon tram disaster, overshadowed by the US election, is like a throwback to the days when rail crashes were common. After years of accident-free travel, has the system lowered its guard? It appears trams do not have the same speed-control system as trains. Why in heaven's name not?

PEOPLE tend to assume that those of us without mobiles are being awkward or trying to make some sort of Luddite point. Not at all. We just feel more comfortable not being part of the great global herd of heads-down phone slaves who spend every waking hour grazing on text messages.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Boss banned from operating trucks

A TRUCK hire boss whose disregard for safety of drivers 'beggared belief' has been banned indefinitely from operating lorries.

Stephen Holding's companies – S P Holding Tractor Hire Ltd and S P Holding Services Ltd – also lost their licences to run vehicles following a ruling by Traffic Commissioner Nick Jones. His firm had bases in Wolverhampton, Stourbridge and Telford.

Holding's unlawful activities, the regulator noted, had given him a 'very significant commercial advantage' and led to employees un-

dertaking sustained driving whilst obviously tired. In one case a driver, Michael Ridgway, worked for 72 hours without any sufficient break.

Earlier this year, Holding was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment after pleading guilty to various offences. The Sentencing Note said employees drove dangerously long hours and falsified their records to hide their criminal activities. It added that Stephen Holding expected drivers to work excessive hours and break the law.

The Traffic Commissioner, issu-

ing a written decision after holding a regulatory public inquiry into the offending, concluded Stephen Holding was not to be trusted. Operator licences held by S P Holding Tractor Hire Ltd and S P Holding Services Ltd were revoked with immediate effect. The commissioner disqualified Mr Holding from holding or obtaining an operator's licence indefinitely.

Two transport managers, Brian Moss and Paul Sankey, were also disqualified from acting in that role, for three years and 18 months respectively. Michael Ridgway, who

held an operator's licence in his own name, was also disqualified from holding or obtaining another licence for five years. Alongside the offences he committed whilst driving for Stephen Holding, the Traffic Commissioner heard that Ridgway had been convicted in December 2015 for dumping two tanker loads of sewage in Carterton, West Oxfordshire.

He was ordered to pay fines and compensation in excess of £11,000. Further convictions sustained by Mr Ridgway included the misuse of a fuel card.

# New smart cameras on M6 catch 4,000 drivers

ALMOST 4,000 drivers were caught speeding along the M6 by cameras using 'smart motorway' technology.

Figures show that 3,916 speeding fines were issued over the 2014/15 financial year and almost £200,000 in fines were dished out on the five-mile stretch of road between Junctions eight and 10a. Wolverhampton councillor Steve Evans said those motorists who speed through the zone risked the fines, adding 'that's the law'.

The cabinet member for city environment said: "There was a parliamentary review which showed the existing places where they have these systems in place work very well.

"When they are implemented in a safe way, using the laybys for breakdowns, there is no issue for me. Speed limits are speed limits."

Walsall councillor Lee Jevons, portfolio holder for transport at Walsall Council, said: "Highways England and our engineers are working together to reduce congestion along this route by carrying out major improvements to junction 10 of the M6.

"The £64.5 million project will see new, widened bridges being built over the motorway, improvements to the motorway slip roads, installation of intelligent traffic signals, widening and modernisation of the nearby Bloxwich Lane junction and modification to the Black Country Route."

During the same 2014/15 period, more than 50,000 fixed penalties were issued across the UK, compared to 2,023 in the same period in 2010/11.

# Delays follow blaze at yard

PASSENGERS faced delays after a fire that started in a yard in Coseley spread to the railway embankment.

The fire took place at around 10.49am on Sunday November 6, in the yard of a commercial property on Bayer Street.

The fire quickly spread to the nearby railway line, causing trains to travel at a reduced speed between Coseley and Tipton.

West Midlands Fire Service send one appliance and three firefighters to the blaze, which was put out just after noon. No-one was hurt in the fire and normal service resumed on the line shortly after the fire service left.

Meanwhile, Midland Metro users faced delays to and from Birmingham as a car got stuck on the line.

The car became trapped on the line at Snow Hill Metro Station at around 10.15am on Sunday and it took three hours to remove.

The car had travelled around 100 metres down the line and trams travelling to and from Birmingham had to terminate at St Paul's while the crews were at work to clear it.

West Midlands Fire Service confirmed that they were called by British Transport Police to help remove the car, which was wedged along the line.

# Hospital in test errors after IT system failure

By Carl Jackson

**A PATIENT who tested positive for a potentially deadly virus was missed by Walsall Manor Hospital due to IT system problems.**

A probe has since been launched which has found similar blunders concerning 13 other patients in the last nine years.

According to a report, in 2012 a patient in the maternity department tested positive for Hepatitis C, a type of liver infection, but they were never sent for a follow-up test by staff.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust said they had now got back in touch with the person although they had yet to attend a follow-up appointment or go for further testing.

The case prompted a review of all microbiology tests which had been carried out since a new IT system had been installed in 2007.

It revealed 13 patients, whose blood was tested for various antibodies but not all related to Hepatitis C, tested positive but the appropriate action was not taken afterwards.

## Ongoing

Their results were sent to the hospital's 'FUSION' computer system which records patients' data and results but staff never sent them for follow-up tests or appointments.

Since launching an investigation bosses confirmed six of the 13 patients did require further testing or an appointment and their cases are now ongoing.

Rachel Overfield, director of nursing, said: "These 13 cases were discovered in a proactive audit of our records system going back to 2008. All of the cases have been extensively clinically reviewed and this identified six cases that required further testing and/or GP or Out Patient appointments. This process is ongoing. The Microbiology department has also made amendments to the computer system."

## Google-eyed youngsters see the world



From left, Lauren Chetter, aged nine, Katie Miller, nine, Rebecca Cartwright, 10 and Daniel Porter, nine

A WALSALL classroom was given a glimpse of the future after being chosen to try out new virtual reality headsets.

Representatives from Google Expeditions brought their new hand-held virtual reality software to Moat Hall Primary School in Great Wyrley, where pupils were given a chance to see the Seven Wonders of The World from the comfort of their classroom.

The software has proved popular in the US and Google is now looking to encourage schools across the UK to look at bringing the software into their every day routines.

Moat Hall were one of the first in the region to express an interest in what the technology, which trans-

ports children to anywhere in the world, allowing them to move around sites such as The Great Wall of China, had to offer.

Anna Thompson, deputy head, said: "We think this a great idea because it allows the children to explore different parts of the world in the classroom. How many kids get to travel to Antarctica on a Monday morning?"

The equipment consists of a tablet like device split up into two sections by cardboard 'goggles' that children look through.

They can also be guided to focus on specific sections of the maps in front of them by their teacher, who can access their visuals and put arrows pointing to certain areas of interest.

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## Children's centre table top event

A TABLE top sale is being held by a children's centre in Walsall. Sure Start Palfrey Children's Centre is hosting the event on Saturday from 1-4pm. It will take place at its base in South Street, Palfrey.

Programme manager Mick Davies said: "There will be a wide range of goods on offer ranging from handmade arts and crafts home made cakes to clothes, toys and much more."

If you are interested in selling on the day, tables will be provided at a cost of £5. To book a table call 01922 642382.

## HomeServe hopes to inspire pupils

HOME assistance provider HomeServe has signed up to a new charitable partnership that will see its staff work with children in schools across the West Midlands to boost their future career prospects.

The Walsall-based company has joined the Inspiring the Futures programme which will give staff the chance to go into state schools and colleges to pass on their experience, skills and knowledge. The scheme connects state schools and colleges with employers and people from the world of work.

## Medics offer their knowledge

PARAMEDICS visited Walsall College to give health and social care students an industry insight in to the career. The presentation, to level 3 students, gave an overview of incidents they attend and how to assess a patient for treatment.

Curriculum manager Wendy Byron, said: "Hearing first hand from industry experts working in the sector helps to give students a deeper insight into what different jobs entail so they can make more informed decisions."

## Charges over death are being considered

THE death of a 34-year-old man whose bike was in collision with a delivery van in Pelsall has been referred to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Lee Marlow, of Broad Lane, Pelsall, was killed in the accident in Norton Road at the junction with Hall Lane and Vicarage Road at Pelsall Common, at 10.10pm on September 17.

An inquest hearing in Oldbury confirmed a prosecution could follow.

The inquest was suspended by Coroner Zafar Siddique.

## Talk is on the buses

ONE hundred years of motorbuses is the subject of a talk to Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society next week. Martin Fisher will address the group at the Salem, in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, from 7.30pm on Thursday, November 24. Admission is £1 including refreshments.

# Restaurants up for national curry award



Enam Ali MBE with PM Theresa May and Kate Silverton, with 2014's newcomer of the year Five Rivers A La Carte, of Walsall

TWO Black Country restaurants have been shortlisted for a prestigious curry award.

Bilash, based on Cheapside and The Curry Lounge, on Stafford Road, both in Wolverhampton, are up for the Best Spice Restaurant in Midlands Award at the 12th Annual British Curry Awards.

Often referred to as the curry industry's 'Oscars', the awards take place on November 28 at Battersea Evolution, London.

Winners will be announced at the event, which is to be attended by luminaries from the worlds of politics, sport, film, television, the arts and fashion, as well as leading celebrity chefs, restaurant owners and their

staff from across the country. Prime Minister Theresa May said about the awards: "The British curry industry really is one of Britain's greatest success stories."

The competitive process for the awards starts with members of the public nominating their favourite local spice restaurants for entry into the competition.

This year, a total of 206,371 public nominations were received via post, app and online, resulting in the nomination of 2,153 restaurants eligible for entry into the competition. The British Curry Awards website recorded 2,653,440 hits for this year's campaign.

# Passer-by saves bus passengers after fire

**A QUICK-thinking passer-by saved bus passengers from potential disaster after an engine caught fire.**

Amanda Barker leapt into action when a fire broke out on the Arriva number 3 service and commuters were forced to evacuate the vehicle.

As the driver, taking nine passengers from Cannock to Walsall, via Brownhills, attempted to put the fire out using the on-board foam extinguisher, Ms Barker came to his aid, armed with her own powder extinguisher.

Ms Barker, aged 48, from Brownhills, was on her way to work at a nearby shop when she saw the bus in flames, last Tuesday.

She said: "I pulled up quite a distance behind it because I was thinking if it goes up all the bungalows nearby are going to be set alight too."

"I can't even really say why but I always carry a fire extinguisher around with me in my car, it is just a safety precaution. I saw the bus driver on his phone and I asked him if he was calling the fire service. He told me that his foam extinguisher hadn't touched the fire but mine is a powder one. I asked if he minded me taking over and he said he didn't. I guess it was just an instinctive moment."

No-one was hurt in the incident, which occurred at around 9.30am at the Wilkin Estate in Brownhills.

### Extinguisher

The bus was taken back to the Cannock depot, with Arriva bosses praising the woman's actions.

Cannock depot manager, David Brent said: "The driver had used the on-board foam extinguisher after the fire started. A lady living nearby came out with a powder extinguisher and completed the job. We are grateful to her for her help and quick thinking."

Brian Holland, 75, and his wife Doreen, 72, were told to evacuate their homes to the end of the street. Doreen said: "We were just sitting here when this bus stopped outside, we thought there was something stopping it from getting through but the next thing we knew there was thick black smoke coming off the back of it."

Fire crews from Aldridge and Staffordshire were called as a precaution, as the fire had been put out by the driver and Ms Barker before it could spread and cause any further damage.

Arriva spokesperson Richard Lakin said: "A small fire was extinguished in the engine compartment of a bus on our number 3 service."

## Hattie kicks condition into touch



Hattie Mason, of Tipton and Wednesbury Tigers Taekwondo, a black belt despite having cerebral palsy

A TALENTED young taekwondo practitioner who has cerebral palsy has kicked down barriers to achieve her black belt.

Hattie Mason, aged 10, has earned her first dan black belt in the sport she took up at the age of just three. The Willenhall youngster, who attends Oakmeadow Primary School, competes with leg splints and requires physiotherapy and occupational therapy to keep her moving.

And the martial art is very much a family affair for Hattie as she goes to Tipton and Wednesbury Tigers Taekwondo Club with her father Craig, mother Lisa and brother George, 15.

Craig, an instructor at the club

having achieved his second dan black belt, said: "We're very proud of her. It's taken her a little bit longer, but where a lot of children would have given up, she's kept on going. Given her condition, it makes it even more of an achievement. She's done amazingly well."

"She just loves taekwondo, she trains really hard."

"She's training four times a week at the moment, and in the school holidays she's training five days a week."

"She can do press ups, sit ups, pretty much anything really. She practises hard and really pushes herself," he said.

Hattie has achieved beyond her father's wildest expectations, and

he remembers how the family felt when they found out about her condition.

He said: "It was devastating when we found out. She had a stroke inside the womb before she was born, so it affects the one side of her body. It was a real shock."

Craig said: "Her brother started going along and I saw all these powerful high kicks he was doing and thought, I fancy a bit of that, so I started going along as well."

"We started taking her along when she was about three and she's been hooked ever since. My wife comes with us too."

He added: "She competed in the World Championships in Coventry in 2013."

# Fly-tippers dumping 30 tons waste each week

FLY-TIPPING in Walsall is up by more than 10 per cent with around 30 tons a week being dumped, latest figures show.

A report by Walsall Council's clean and green boss shows that the problem is getting worse in the borough. The number of reported fly-tipping incidents is up 10.5 per cent on last year. It has been estimated that fly-tipping now costs the council more than £100,000 a year as around 30 tons of rubbish a week is dumped illegally.

Fears have now been raised that the problem is only going to worsen as the council plans to charge for garden waste collection.

Councillor Mike Bird, leader of Walsall's Conservative opposition, said: "I think this new charge for garden waste is a backward step. Birmingham tried it and residents started fly-tipping and it became a real issue. One of the options is opening the tips up that extra day, maybe even seven days a week like we used to do."

"Also the sign at the tip in Aldridge is not helping. Currently it says 'closed Wednesday and Tuesday' and I am sure people are seeing the Wednesday first and assuming the Tuesday does say, or should say, Thursday."

"So then they turn up on Tuesday with their car full of rubbish, find out the tip is closed today, closed the following day, and they just dump it."

The latest council figures show that from April to September 2016 fly-tipping was up by 10.5 per cent compared to the same period last year.

## Plan for bingo hall is rejected

PLANS to build a multi-million pound bingo hall in Walsall have been refused by planning chiefs. The plans to build the hall on Park Street were submitted to them by Mecca Bingo Limited. They were set to be given the go ahead, after previously being recommended for approval.

However, Walsall Council's planning committee have now made the decision to refuse the plans after hearing speakers against the proposals at a recent public meeting.

Councillors for the St Matthews area, where the hall would have been located, previously said the scheme would 'ruin the town centre' and drive shoppers away. Concerns were also raised regarding the potential for increased gambling in the centre.

## 94pc happy with Ryanair flights

BIRMINGHAM Airport-based Budget airline Ryanair says 94 per cent of surveyed customers were happy with their overall flight experience in October. More than 17,000 passengers used an app, up 7,000 in a month.

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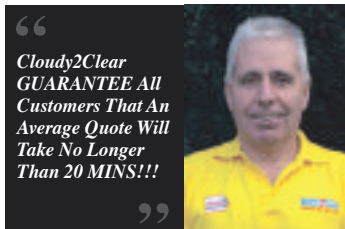
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## with Mark Andrews



Politics?  
Give me a  
bit of that  
old apathy

THERE seems to be a lot of anger in the world at the moment. Just as it was with the EU referendum, the election over in the colonies has shown us that we are not alone in living in a society which seems to be very divided along ideological lines.

Where has all this vitriol suddenly come from? The liberal commentators' view seems to be that there is a simmering undercurrent of uneducated, older blue collar workers who feel that they have been left behind by progressive society. Which, roughly translated, means those who disagree with them are a bit thick.

But I think there is another force which is to blame. Smart phones.

Think about it. People used to hold enlightened discussions in public debates. Then radio phone-ins came along, turning the heat up a notch or two. Swiftly followed by Central Weekend which, for those who don't remember, was a bit like Question Time. With bouncers.

Now we have Facebook and Twitter, and anyone with a smart phone in their pocket has a ready audience. Suddenly everybody's a philosopher.

Only they aren't, because in this age of instant communication, weighing up the pros and cons, and trying to understand the opposite point of view, is just too slow. Instead, the whole thing is gone tribal. People decide which side they are on the way they choose a football team, and they'll stick to their guns through thick and thin. Woe betide anyone who takes the other side.

Old friendships come to an abrupt end on so-called social media. Last week, somebody I vaguely used to know called for a sniper to take out Donald Trump. How can anybody get so worked up about politics? And another country's politics at that.

Maybe I'm out of date. But I can't help but yearn for a bit of good old-fashioned apathy.

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WHATEVER one's views on the Merry Hill centre, it would be churlish not to give Don Richardson a huge slap on the back for his latest venture, a free car park outside Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

It is heartbreaking to see pensioners and other people on low incomes shelling out day after day to visit loved ones with long-term conditions, and this is a superb act of generosity from Mr Richardson.

Let's hope others follow this lead.

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UNDER new proposals, patients with sore throats may be referred to the chemist rather than their doctor. Do people really trouble their GP with such trivia? No wonder the NHS is strapped for cash. Toughen up and get some Strepisils.

Toughen up and get some Strepsils.



### Family and friends wear West Brom tops to the funeral



Mr Smith seen with a special T shirt in tribute to Joshua



Adam Smith, with his step-son Joshua, who died aged 14

# Minis funeral convoy in tribute to Joshua

### Report by Carl Jackson

HE was the Mini-mad boy who had saved hundreds of pounds to fix up his very own classic car with his father ready for the day he passed his test.

But tragically, Joshua Rowlinson, from Walsall, had his life cut short at the age of 14 after suffering from a suspected epileptic fit which brought on a heart attack.

His devastated parents step-father Adam Smith, aged 38, and mother Becki Shone, 32, turned the Sheffield Academy pupil's funeral into a celebration of his short but bright life.

Dozens of Minis featured in last Thursday's procession to Sandwell Valley Crematorium, with drivers hailing from all over the country, answering a social media appeal to make the occasion extra special. "I don't know why, maybe he got it from me or his grandad but Joshua loved the classic Mini," said Mr Smith.

**Saved**

"He used to help me fix our car and had saved £1,700 towards his own Mini. He just saved pocket money and some Christmases didn't ask for presents he just wanted money towards it. He wanted me and him to work on it together so on the day he passed his test he could drive it. It was something he wanted to pass on down through the family."

The doting step-father said Joshua had a huge personality and character despite having to overcome Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other underlying behavioural symptoms, which held him back from prospective careers in The Army and the Royal Air Force.

The father-of-three, whose other two children are daughters Amelia, aged 12, and Lily-Mae, aged two, had been Joshua's carer as well and said their relationship had been incredibly close. "He wasn't just my son he was my best mate. We did absolutely everything together. He was like my little shadow."

What adds to the pain of losing Joshua is that there are still question marks over why



**The convoy of Minis which came together in tribute to the teenager who died from a suspected epileptic fit which caused a heart attack**

he died. It was only in August this year when he had his first ever fit while the family were on holiday at Camber Sands in East Sussex. Doctors at Conquest Hospital in Hastings said it was not necessarily anything to worry about being the only one he had ever had.

But when Joshua had a second fit within weeks of the family returning home his parents took him to Walsall Manor Hospital, where doctors began investigating further. After a brain scan Mr Smith said doctors told him it was likely his son had epilepsy but further tests were arranged to confirm the diagnosis. But

on Saturday, October 22, tragedy struck. The teenager had his third fit in the night and the following morning his parents found him not breathing.

Mr Smith carried out CPR and managed to regain a pulse while paramedics who arrived at the home in Foodbrook Lane, Pelsall, managed to get Joshua breathing in the ambulance. But later the same day the boy passed away at Birmingham Children's Hospital. For Mr Smith it is the second time he has endured a devastating loss after his former wife Sarah died from skin cancer in 2006 aged 27.

"When I lost my wife I went into a very dark place and became very depressed," he said. "I can't go back there again."

"Grief brings on an awful lot of different emotions, anger and frustration. We have been through it all. I am just trying to think of the times we had together. It was a freak accident and it was his calling, his time. That's how I have to look at it."

One thought of consolation will be that Mr Smith did manage to fulfil one of his son's wishes which was to take him to see his beloved West Bromwich Albion at an away match

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## A real passion for seeds of education

NOW a great grandfather, having been a reading listener at a primary school, and a tutor with an adult literacy group, I do have a passion for education.

Like a gardener planting seeds, to see the results in wonderful flowers, and more seeds appearing, there is also a joy in teaching and learning.

There is no joy in writing letters, time and time again then, seeing the figures for the results in Walsall currently 23 per cent below the national average, seemingly getting worse year after year.

The warning signs have existed for years, ignored like the spoil heaps at Aberfan, waiting for the major catastrophe to happen.

The community sitting on their hands,

## £4k a week council role outrageous

WELL done to the newspapers for bringing the shocking news that Walsall Council have appointed a new position with a £1,000 a day pay packet.

Who would cut jobs within the council and then appoint a £4,000 a week position?

That person should not be in charge of Walsall Council, in my opinion.

I am intrigued as to why Walsall Council would not confirm the identity of the new director and their exact wage.

With libraries being closed and the leather museum set to be relocated because of cuts it is totally outrageous that this new position should be appointed and at such a huge pay packet too.

The leader of Walsall Council is sticking his two fingers at the folk of the borough – including those among the electorate who voted for these folk to take charge of the authority!

It would be great if Labour's control of Walsall Council was to be as short as their last effort and someone who knows what they are doing is appointed.

GLYN MARSTON  
Willenhall

seeing the small movements occasionally, then the huge black wave, unstoppable, pouring into, not only the school, but every home – the roar, like rolling thunder, drowning out the screams.

Then silence, everyone looking for someone to point the accusing finger at.

Am I the alarm clock? Trying to awake everyone. Am I the warning siren, just being ignored?

Will my legacy be, now in a short time, just the words in a few minds – "We should have listened, we should have thought, and we should have acted."

RAY HAMMOND  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Gallery has to go for sake of services

REGARDING Walsall council's spending cuts. If savings have to be made then whether people like it or not things have got to go. If the art gallery and similar facilities have to close then so be it, surely other things such as children's services and care for the elderly and vulnerable should take priority.

My wife and I visited the art gallery a couple of weeks ago and were surprised to find we were the only two people there, in fact there were more people in Costa coffee than in the gallery itself! Perhaps if an admission charge of maybe four or five pounds was applied then maybe it could go some way to paying for itself.

My wife and I have visited many galleries and museums in London and other towns and cities and in my opinion the current exhibits at Walsall are boring and

unexciting, in fact the top floor was almost devoid of anything remotely interesting, just a few framed maps of London if I recall.

The council are quick enough to think about increasing the council tax and cutting services such as refuse collection, etc, but the people of Walsall are already taxed enough without having further financial burdens put on us! So if leisure facilities like the art gallery and the leather museum, etc, have to be moved or closed then surely that would be better than losing the services that we all need. I for one would rather see the demise of underused facilities than have to pay for them from my own pocket and lose essential services.

IAN HUNTER  
Willenhall

## Betrayal of MPs' beliefs

I NOTE with interest your remarks on Members of Parliament and possible 'betrayal' with regard to the recent referendum on EU membership. What form might that betrayal take?

The court ruling that gave MPs a vote on the issue occurred on November 3 – 242 years to the day since a parliamentarian greater than any of them, addressed the voters of Bristol on November 3, 1774.

Edmund Burke had this to say about betrayal of constituents: "Your representative owes you not his industry only, but his judgment, and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

It seems that several MPs whom you interviewed, whose judgment was that this country should remain in the European Union, are prepared to ignore their great predecessor and betray their constituents by sacrificing that judgment to their opinion.

ALAN T HARRISON  
Walsall

## Thanks for story on cuts

THANK you Walsall Chronicle for the front page article 'Stand up for us over cuts!' by Jordan Harris.

This chimed with my own thoughts and I wondered how to get involved.

Sadly, my copy of The Walsall Chronicle didn't arrive until tea time, and I did not have time to read, missing the meeting at the Royal Hotel.

The Chronicle must continue to fight the Government on this front, on behalf of all those currently suffering, but who lack a voice.

Where cuts are truly essential, please God, may they be compassionate cuts.  
PAULINE JONES  
Aldridge

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## Woollen poppies tribute at arboretum



The Clocktower, at Walsall Arboretum, from left, craft group leader Lynne Tandy, and Karen Myatt

THOUSANDS of woollen poppies have been knitted to decorate a historic building in Walsall Arboretum in a remarkable tribute to fallen soldiers for Remembrance Day.

Volunteers from Walsall Arboretum Craft Club have dedicated hundreds of hours of their spare time in preparing the memorial commemorating the lives lost during the First and Second World Wars.

More than 3,000 poppies grace both the left and right hand sides of the clock tower at the Arboretum with a huge singular poppy made as the centrepiece. Lynne Tandy, leader of the

Walsall Arboretum Craft Club, said: "It takes up an awful lot of time and is a lot of hard work, but we are all delighted with how the clock looks now it is covered in our poppies."

"Aside from our craft group, we had council staff, friends and family all getting involved."

"There were people asking to help who didn't have any sort of sewing skill but they wanted to learn, so it gave us a good chance to bring people together. I would say in total we have knitted around 3,000 poppies - it is a fantastic effort."

Around 20 volunteers had been

working on the project including members of the group and staff at Walsall Council, among others.

The group takes part in a number of projects each year to raise money for charities and Walsall Manor Hospital.

Ms Tandy added: "It was a wonderful project to be involved with."

"People I don't even know rang up and supported us, it has been a really good community project. The reason is of course to remember not only those that died but people living after being involved in war too."

Royal British Legion collected donations until Remembrance Day.

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# Council eyes up support for shooting range plans

**COMPANY** bosses have set their sights on a shooting range being opened in Bloxwich.

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Bosses say members of the public would be able to 'safely learn shooting skills under instruction from Range Officers without having to have their own firearms' at the site.

A letter from company director Clare Naylor to Walsall Council states: "Due to the nature of the shows that we attend, this business is seasonal."

"However, we do believe there would be a great demand should we have a permanent base from which we can operate."

"This is why we are applying for a change of use for this premises, which would be ideal to construct an indoor shooting range, suitable for .22 firearms, office space and housing both our mobile units when not in use."

## Attract

Her letter claims: "There are currently no sporting venues of this nature in the Midlands, where members of the public can safely learn shooting skills under instruction from Range Officers without having to have their own firearms."

"We also hope to attract private hire and corporate events and provide a small number of full time and part time jobs."

"Safety is of course paramount and we take pride in our work and all of the positive feedback we have from customers using our mobile units."

Plans have been recommended for approval by Walsall Council planning chiefs and a decision will be made at a forthcoming meeting.

West Midlands Police chiefs have given their backing and a letter in support of the proposals has been submitted, signed by a range safety advisor with The National Small Bore Rifle Association.

## Fair deal for enthusiasts



Organiser Linda Price, who staged the regular toy and train fair at Oak Park Active Living Centre

COLLECTORS flocked to a popular fair in Walsall to admire a wide range of vintage toys.

The Walsall Wood Toy and Train Collectors Fair again rolled into town, and collectors young and old enjoyed viewing and array of gems from yesteryear, with cars, lorries and trains as well as dolls and sci-fi toys among the goodies on show.

Linda Price, who runs the fair with her husband Geoff - who holds the Guinness World Record for the largest collection of model buses - believes moving the event to the Oak Park Active Living Centre has

reinvigorated the event. She said: "This is the second one we've had at the new centre. We've been doing it for 25 years and we've never had so many people along."

"We had about 80 different tables. There were all types of toys from die casts to railway models. We must have had about 500 people in."

Mr Price's own personal collection now stands at more than 13,800 buses.

The next fair is on January 8, from 10.30am to 3pm at Oak Park Active Living Centre.

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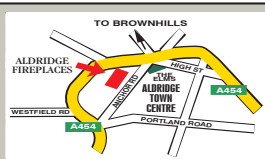
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# £100k bill for chief is branded 'obscene'

**CASH-STRAPPED** Walsall Council is to spend £100,000 on a six-month interim director despite facing cuts of £86 million and being forced to lay off hundreds of staff.

The council has proposed to close 14 libraries, relocate the leather museum and start charging for garden waste as it looks to save money.

It has hired an 'executive director for change and governance' to oversee finance, legal, human resources and other support functions - on a wage of up to £1,000 a day for four-days-a-week.

The move has been branded 'disgraceful' and 'obscene' with councillors boycotting the meeting in which the appointment was announced.

Walsall Council has confirmed the new appointment but declined to comment on the salary when asked. However it has been reported that they will be earning between £800 and £1,000 a day for four days a week, adding up to around £100,000 over the six months.

Councillor Mike Bird, the leader of Walsall's conservative party, said: "To give someone this salary when you are potentially cutting

**By Jack Avery**

400 jobs is obscene. In my view the council should appoint someone internally or negotiated with those who have been carrying out the role for the past year to get them to stay on. I refused to attend the meeting where they made the appointment as did my colleague. It is up to people to make their own minds up but I think it is an unnecessary appointment and quite frankly disgraceful. This £100,000-or-so could be five jobs.

"How on the one hand can you ask people to pay more for services then on the other appoint someone earning this kind of money?"

This new director, who was appointed on November 2, will be replacing Rory Borealis who left the council in January.

## Kyran is young European queen



**Kyran Chopra who has won the title of Young European Miss International and is now off to compete in America**

A 22-YEAR-OLD Willenhall girl is celebrating after being crowned Miss Young European. Winning the competition means that Kyran Chopra will travel to the United States to compete in Young American Miss International in July.

She began competing in beauty pageants in 2014 after winning Miss Black Country, Miss Personality and coming fourth in Miss Great Britain.

Kyran said: "Entering beauty pageants has always boosted my confidence. Having to talk to people on stage, meet judges and inspiring young people is some of the many reasons I love it."

The competition where Kyran was crowned took place in Cardiff. "I had to wear three different types of fashion down the catwalk. The first was fashion wear, then patriarchal wear which I designed and made myself and then evening wear."

Alongside entering beauty pageants, Kyran has always been a keen fundraiser.

She is now studying for her masters degree at University of Salford in Children's TV production.



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# Artist Andrew puts fight for gallery in the frame

AN internationally-renowned artist from Walsall has called the council's decision to close down the town's New Art Gallery 'irrational' and 'ill conceived'.

Artist Andrew Tift, who has worked as a professional artist for more than 20 years, recently pleaded with the council not to close down the art gallery through a poster.

Now he has used his words to galvanise residents to join the fight.

Born in Great Wyrley, Mr Tift went from the village's high school to Stafford College of Art to do a foundation course in art and drawing, and then to Birmingham Art College, garnering a BA Hons and MA with distinction in illustration.

He calls the Art Gallery, which is facing closure as Walsall Council try to make £86 million in four years, a 'majestic, state of the art, world class gallery'.

## Funding

Mr Tift said: "Fifteen years ago, against all the odds we got an incredible art gallery perched incongruously between BHS and Woolworths."

"It was funded by Lottery money and European funding and not a penny came from the local purse."

"Every time I walk past it I still can't quite believe that it actually happened and came to fruition. The best thing that ever happened to Walsall and now Walsall Council want to close it down. Without New Art Gallery, Walsall - the town has nothing."

In recent weeks, the council has announced the gallery will close by 2020 - unless council tax significantly rises or central government relaxes its austerity measures.

As well as the closure of the art gal-



**Acclaimed Andrew Tift, backing the bid to save the New Walsall Art Gallery** lery, Walsall Council has also warned that by 2020 14 of the 15 libraries and the leather museum could be shut and the local history centre relocated to the only remaining library on Lichfield Street.

A petition has been launched calling on the council not to make the closures to the Art Gallery.

Mr Tift said: "I am a local artist and when I go to art events in London and sometimes further afield in Europe and America I'm proud to talk about New Art Gallery, Walsall and it is re-

spected as one of the very best regional art galleries in the country and I don't think we recognise enough in the West Midlands that we have an absolute diamond. It's one of the reasons that I decided to stay in Walsall."

"I understand the austerity cuts and Walsall council are on the ropes but I think they are panicking and making irrational, ill-conceived and short-term decisions. The Arts Council, Walsall Council, New Art Gallery, Walsall and constituency MPs have to come together and discuss this rationally."

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## Unsung heroes receive awards

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Clinical nurse specialist Alison Deeming and Professor Christopher Buckley, from the rheumatology department, were recognised as Joint Healthcare Champions 2016 by the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society. They were nominated by their patient Anne Austin.

Professor Buckley said: "I am humbled for being nominated by our patient and recognised by the NRAS. It is wonderful encouragement for what we are doing here."

Of the department's future plans, he said: "We would like to expand our services to Walsall as part of the Black Country Alliance partnership. We are also working with GPs to provide our service to their clinics."

# Parents lead tributes paid to 'beautiful and brave' son, 12

**TRIBUTES have been paid to a 'beautiful and brave' 12-year-old schoolboy who died in hospital after being hit by a bus.**

Aston Soulsby was crossing Crankhall Lane in Wednesbury, the area where he lived, when he was hit by a single decker just before 4pm on November 1.

The Phoenix Collegiate pupil was taken to hospital with serious injuries but died last Tuesday morning. A police investigation is ongoing.

A statement from Aston's parents said: "There are no words that come

close to describe how we as a family are feeling after tragically losing our beautiful, strong, brave boy.

"Aston was full of hopes and dreams for the future and lived each day with a cheeky smile and a sensitive heart. He fought like a lion 'til the end and we are so proud of him for showing such courage. Aston has left us all with so many fond memories that we will treasure forever."

A fund has now been set up for Birmingham Children's Hospital where Aston died. More than £1,700 has already been donated.

Paying tribute, Mike Smith, associate headteacher at Phoenix Colle-

gate, said: "We are deeply saddened about the tragic loss of Aston and our thoughts are with his family at this terrible time."

"Aston was a very positive member of our school. He was a talented, hard-working and caring student who had many friends at Phoenix. He will be remembered as a boy who was happy and smiling all the time."

"The loss of Aston, particularly in so tragic a manner, hurts us all."

Football-mad Aston, a Villa fan, had played for Bustleholme Lions under-13s, who have contributed to the fundraising drive. West Bromwich United Youth FC also paid tribute.



Villa fan Aston Soulsby

## Garage fears at superstore plan

PLANNERS have approved a new Aldi store on derelict land off a busy road in Wilenhall. The discount supermarket will be constructed off The Keyway at its junction with New Street.

It will create 40 jobs and occupy a site where there was once two tower blocks but has since become overgrown.

The plan received unanimous approval from Wolverhampton Council's planning committee.

Staff at neighbouring garage Pole Position, in South Street, have voiced concerns about the impact it will have on their business. Aldi has committed to providing three parking spaces for use by the garage but owner Sha Walters said his business requires between six and 10.

He believes the problem could be resolved by changing the road design and is keen to meet with Aldi bosses.

Councillor Phil Page urged Aldi bosses to meet with Mr Walters.



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# Poignant tributes as fallen are remembered

**SALUTING** to his fallen comrades, a war veteran's poignant tribute represents the feelings of a nation as the region fell silent.

Sim Mayou from Pelsall, laid a wreath at the town's cenotaph at one of several well-attended ceremonies in Walsall.

Mr Mayou, who served in the Royal Navy Patrol Service during the Normandy landings in the Second World War in 1944, received his Legion D'honneur earlier this year for the brave role he played.

Also laying a wreath at Pelsall was Deputy Mayor Councillor Marco Longhi. He said: "I've laid a wreath at the Pelsall service every year since I was elected as a councillor in 1999. It was an honour to be able to do so on such a moving occasion. It was special to be able to pay tribute to those who went before us and helped make the country what it is today."

## Observed

"Even more people seem to come year after year."

"Young people are perhaps more engaged because of the conflicts our servicemen and women are still involved in today. Maybe 10 or 15 years ago, it might not have been so well observed, but I think young people are growing up more aware of the sacrifices people in the forces have made."

Elsewhere, military processions were held before services at St Lawrence Church, Darlaston, and the Cenotaph in Bradford Place. Parades were also held at Bloxwich Memorial Club, Middlemore Lane Community Centre, Brownhills Memorial Hall, the Royal British Legion in Short Heath, Streety Community Centre, Willenhall town centre and Rushall Library.



Sim Mayou salutes after laying a wreath



Tears as respects are paid to the fallen



The Remembrance Service in Bloxwich. Picture: Stuart Williams

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Mr Brown's medal collection is expected to fetch £200,000



Mr Brown saw the liberation of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp



Royal Navy pilot Eric 'Winkle' Brown died aged 97

# Auction of Britain's finest pilot's medals

**MEDALS** belonging to one of Britain's greatest Second World War heroes are being sold for £200,000.

The gongs belonged to legendary Captain Eric 'Winkle' Brown, regarded as Britain's greatest ever pilot.

Known as Winkle for cheating death on numerous occasions, he was the first naval pilot to land a jet on an aircraft carrier and held the record for the most carrier deck landings at 2,407.

He also survived being sunk by a U-boat in 1941, and later being shot at and injured by a German long-range bomber.

Simon Luxmoore FRAES, Chief Ex-

## MEMORY LANE

Report by Simon Stone

ective of the Royal Aeronautical Society, said: "We strongly believe in the importance of preserving historical artefacts, including those from Capt Eric 'Winkle' Brown's own collection.

"We house a wide variety of rare aviation archives at our National Aerospace Library and often work with families who are making their personal choices about what to do with historical collections.

"We hope these medals go to a good home and are appreciated as much as the man himself was given all that he achieved in his career."

Paul Beaver, Fellow of the Royal

Aeronautical Society and Eric 'Winkle' Brown's biographer, said Mr Brown was an outstanding aviator, probably the greatest in the history of the world and certainly the greatest pilot in British history.

"I rather hope they go somewhere where others can appreciate them," he said. "I hope they will be showed in the UK and on display. This unique set of memorabilia is so important to British history that people need to see them."

Mr Brown, who died in February aged 97, saw the liberation of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the end of the Second World War and later used his fluency in German to question some of the most prominent Nazis.

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Captain Brown was regarded as Britain's greatest pilot

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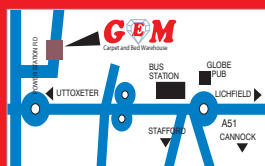
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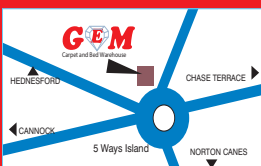
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# Campus to engineer better future

**ASPIRING** engineers and welders have been getting to work on new equipment following the opening of a new college workshop.

The new £160,000 engineering and welding workshop opened at Walsall College this month.

It was made possible thanks to Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) fund to address regional skills shortages and create additional facilities following a rapid increase in the number of students enrolling on to full-time courses.

## Equipment

A number of stakeholders and business partners attended the unveiling of the Portland Street Campus located off Stafford Street, next to the Wisemore Campus.

College Principal and Chief Executive Jatinder Sharma OBE officially opened the facility.

The building is equipped with the very latest engineering technology and welding equipment designed to provide students with the employability skills to support the engineering jobs of the future.

The workshop boasts two state-of-the-art virtual reality welding simulators and five welding bays



Students using some of the equipment inside the Portland Street campus

with the latest downdraft extraction tables and portable extraction, covering MIG, TIG and Arc welding. Neil Sambrook, head of curriculum for engineering at Walsall College, said: "The fundamental skills required by engineers are equally as important as the higher level skills to help secure

the future of the industry. It is critical for students to learn the process and physical consequences behind decisions.

Techniques including measuring, marking, cutting and turning; and hands-on experience with tools and machinery are vital in helping to cre-



College governor Alastair Scales with the scissors at the official opening

ate rounded and competent engineers of the future.

"Our collaboration with the LEP has allowed us to expand our engineering offer through modern welding equipment and also enabled us to focus on some of the higher level skills, such as hydraulics and pneu-

matics, key drivers that support industry growth.

"Engineering is a major growth sector in the region and we are committed to working in partnership with employers and local authorities to ensure our curriculum meets the changing needs of the industry."



Student Prabhjot K Athwal at work



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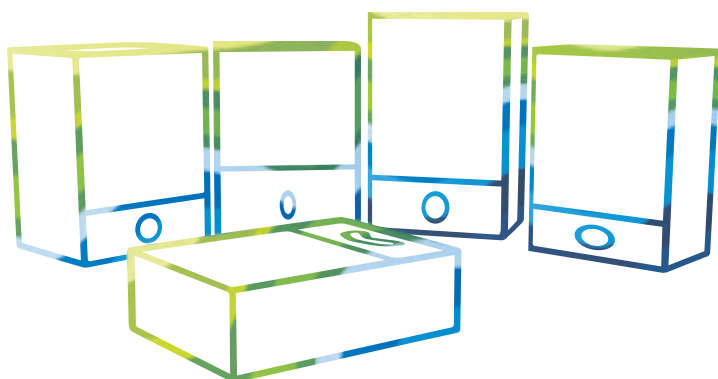


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# Body of woman in canal was found by dog walker

## Couple's bats to the future



**Diamond wedding of Alice and Brian Haywood from Brownhills**

A COUPLE who first met over a game of table tennis in 1951 are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary.

Alice and Brian Haywood met a youth club in Heath End, Walsall, on opposing teams in an unlikely mismatch, with a towering Mr Haywood amused by Alice being only 4ft 9. Alice won the game and they would occasionally see each other when their table tennis teams played each other over the following years.

They began courting when they both started catching the same bus to Walsall together when Alice was 16 and Brian was 18. At the time Alice was working for Jones & Son, making cricket gloves, whilst Brian was an apprentice electrician.

After three years of getting to

know each other the couple tied the knot on November 3, 1956 at Cannock registry office. They honeymooned in Blackpool and bought their first home in Great Charles Street, Brownhills, a year later.

The couple went on to have four children, who are all now in their 50s, as well as 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The couple did move from Brownhills to Stourport-on-Severn, enjoying the scenery and canal walks, before returning to the area 14 years ago.

With no major plans for their anniversary, the couple were surprised when their children bought them a new car and threw them a spread at a church hall in Brownhills.

Mrs Haywood, aged 78, said: "It was a lovely surprise. We have golden children."

THE death of a woman whose body was found in a canal by a dog walker was suicide, an inquest heard.

The body of 76-year-old June Wilkinson was discovered in Rushall Canal on October 27, after she went missing from her Park Hall Road home in Walsall.

Black Country Coroner's Court heard evidence from Mrs Wilkinson's husband Colin, who after the inquest described her as 'a marvellous woman'.

On the day of her death, Mr Wilkinson had been downstairs talking to a friend about fitting a gas fire, and only afterwards realised that a 'click' he had heard must have been his wife leaving the house.

Giving evidence Mr Wilkinson described some incidents when his wife, a retired book-keeper, had appeared to black out, including at a pensioner's meeting and an 80th birthday party, but no medical reasons had ever been identified.

After seeing her GP, Mrs Wilkinson was prescribed some anti-depressants. "The doctor said that she was depressed," he said. However, the inquest heard that she would often only take half of her medication, or had to be prompted to take it.

### Depressed

He said: "I woke up June at around 6.30am, and she was shaking and sitting on the edge of the bed, holding her head. She said: 'I wish it would go away.'"

One of Mrs Wilkinson's sons also told police that she had talked about taking her own life, although she had no history of self-harm.

Describing what happened after he discovered she had left the house, her husband said: "I went around the streets asking if anyone had seen her. I spoke to a dustbin man, a lady with a dog, the postman, everyone." A statement was then read out from the woman who had been walking her dog alongside the canal, and who made the horrible discovery.

When she had first walked along the canal, her dog stopped at the scene but she had 'thought it was a football' in the water.

Returning a conclusion of suicide, senior coroner for the Black Country, Mr Zafar Siddique, said: "She was found on the opposite side of the canal, which means she would have had to swim across."



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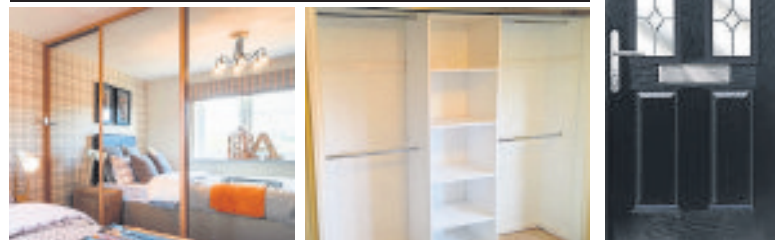
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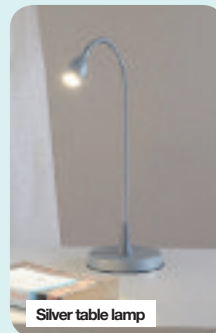
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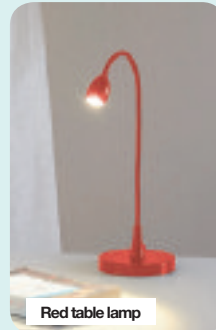
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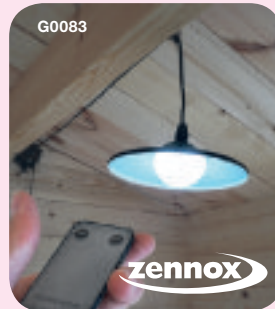
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Monday, 8pm

Town Hall, Birmingham

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## Slaves



Saturday, 7pm

O2 Academy, Birmingham

Kent punk duo Isaac Holman and Laurie Vincent bring their fearsome live show to the Second City to perform songs from their new album. See [academymusicgroup.com/o2academybirmingham](http://academymusicgroup.com/o2academybirmingham)

## PiL



Today, 7pm

O2 Institute, Birmingham

After kick-starting punk with The Sex Pistols, John Lydon went on to pioneer a unique sound with Public Image Ltd, here supported by Dreadzone. See [www.academymusicgroup.com/o2institutebirmingham](http://www.academymusicgroup.com/o2institutebirmingham)

## Roadstars



Tuesday, 7.30pm

Robin 2, Bilston

The Roadstars tour brings a blues rock triple bill featuring Nashville power trio Simo (guitarist JD Simo pictured), Oxford teen guitar sensation Aaron Keylock plus Federal Charn. See [therobin.co.uk](http://therobin.co.uk)

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### Walsall Jazz Orchestra

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### Jazz Tuesdays

Tue,  
Spotted Dog, Digbeth, Birmingham, B12 0NH.  
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### The Chase Jazzmen

Tue, 8pm - 10.30pm  
The Boycott Arms, Claverley, Wolverhampton, WV5 7DH.  
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### Johnny2bad (A tribute to UB40)

Thu,  
The Jam House, Birmingham, B31QU.  
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## ROCK & METAL

### Black Sabbath Tribute: Children

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### Too REX - UK's Marc

Bolan/T.Rex Tribute  
Tomorrow,  
The RoadHouse Birmingham, Lifford Lane, B30 3DZ.  
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### Gin Annie Band

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### Queen Extravaganza

Tomorrow,  
Symphony Hall, The International Convention Centre, Birmingham, B1 2EA.  
Call 0121 780 3333

### The Vapors + The Circles

Tomorrow,  
The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton, WV1 1HP.  
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### Pete Wylie & The Mighty WAH!

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O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB.  
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The River Rooms, Stourbridge, DY8 1JN.  
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### Army Of Bones

Sun,  
The Asylum, Birmingham, B19 3LS.  
Call 0121 233 1109

### Jimmy Eat World

Sun,  
O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB.  
Call 0121 622 8250

### The Solid Gold

Rock n Roll Show  
Sun,  
New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS.  
Call 0844 871 3011 and  
Thurs,  
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, WV1 1DE.  
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### Honeyblood +

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### Joe Brown Solo Show

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Solihull Arts Complex, Central Library, Touchwood, B91 3RG.  
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Screen  
Tue,  
Genting Arena, Birmingham, B40 1NT.  
Call 0121 780 4141

### Martin Turner ex-Wishbone Ash

Tue, £17.50  
Artrix, Bromsgrove, B60 1PQ.  
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### The Illegal Eagles

Wed, £21  
Oakengates Theatre, Telford, TF2 6EP.  
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### Terrorvision

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### Rumours of Fleetwood

Mac 'Hits to Blues Tour'  
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### Jess Glynne

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### Simply Red

Sun  
Genting Arena, Birmingham, B40 1NT.  
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### That'll Be The Day:

Christmas Show  
Sun, £22 - £26  
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### David Essex

Thu,  
Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 1AP.  
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## CLASSICAL

### Organ Proms

Tomorrow,  
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Fauré and Durufle  
Tomorrow,  
Ladywood ARC, St John's and St Peter's Church, Birmingham, B16 8TF.  
See <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EHHMKL>

## COUNTRY, FOLK & ACOUSTIC

### Chris Bannister performs The

Music of John Denver  
Tomorrow, £12.50 - £15  
Huntingdon Hall, CrownGate Shopping Centre, Worcester, WR1 3LD.  
Call 01905 611427

### Traditional Music Session

Sun,  
The Prince of Wales Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8EE.  
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### Peter Knight's Gigsanner

Wed, £17  
Artrix, Bromsgrove, B60 1PQ.  
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### Folk & Roots Club

Thu, Free  
The RoadHouse Birmingham, Lifford Lane, B30 3DZ.  
Call 0121 246 2273

## COMEDY

### Marcus Brigstocke: Why The

Long Face?  
Tonight, £16  
Artrix, Bromsgrove, B60 1PQ.  
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### Jerry Sadowitz. Comedian,

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The Crescent Theatre, Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B16 8AE. Call 0121 643 5858

### Andrew Lawrence: The Hate

Speech Tour  
Tonight, £15  
Huntingdon Hall, CrownGate Shopping Centre, Worcester, WR1 3LD. Call 01905 611427

### White Yardies' First One Man

Show: Straight Outta Jamaica  
Tomorrow,  
New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS.  
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### Nish Kumar

Thu,  
The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton, WV1 1HP.  
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## THEATRE

### The Commitments

Tonight - tomorrow,  
Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 1AP. Call 0844 871 7649

### A Christmas Carol -

Junior Production 2016  
Tonight,  
Ruddock Performing Arts Centre, King Edward's School, Birmingham, B15 2UA.  
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### Looking For John

Tonight - tomorrow, £10 - £13.50  
Birmingham REP Library of Birmingham, B1 2EP.  
Call 0121 236 4455

### The Full Monty

Tonight - tomorrow,  
Birmingham Hippodrome, B5 4TB.  
Call 0844 338 5000

### Legally Blonde The Musical

Tomorrow, £13 - £15  
Mitchell Arts Centre, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 4HG.  
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### Shakespeare, His

Wife and The Dog  
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### Our House

Tue - Thu,  
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, WV1 1DE. Call 01902 42 92 12

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Thu,  
Artrix, Bromsgrove, B60 1PQ.  
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### Relatively Speaking

Tomorrow - Thu,  
The Crescent Theatre, Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B16 8AE. Call 0121 643 5858

### George's Marvellous Medicine

Tue - Thu, £21  
New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS.  
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### Chris Salmon ARBSA

Tomorrow,  
RBSA Gallery, Birmingham, B3 1SA.  
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## MISC. EVENTS

### The Spanish Riding School of

Vienna  
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Barclaycard Arena, Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2AA.  
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### Music and Dance

from Around the World  
Tomorrow, £5 - £10  
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### The greatest adventure: Love in

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Globe at Hay,  
Hay-on-Wye,  
Hereford, HR3 5BG.  
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### American Style Wrestling

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# Don't be chicken at marvellous play



A scene from George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl being performed by The Birmingham Stage Company

A STAGE version of George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl is coming to delight family audiences at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday (November 22) to December 3.

First published in 1981 George's Marvellous Medicine is one of Dahl's funniest stories, all about a young boy who makes a marvellous new medicine to cure his grandmother of her terrifying temper. But when his

grandmother drinks his special potion the results are explosive!

Since 1992 The Birmingham Stage Company have produced more Dahl shows than any other company. Recent hits have also included Horrible Histories and the world premiere of Gangsta Granny by David Walliams.

George's Marvellous Medicine is adapted by David Wood, the UK's leading children's playwright. Ed Thorpe is in the title role with the

part of Granny played by Deborah Vale whose twin sister, Tessa will play her 'daughter', George's Mum.

Other roles are taken by Tom Eyklohof (as a feisty chicken) and Richard Mullins (Dad). Phil Clark directs.

BSC founder Neal Foster said: "We are delighted to be celebrating the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth with this special production." For tickets call 0844 871 3011 or visit atgtickets.com/Birmingham



## Laura lives the dream

BIRMINGHAM supply teacher-turned-soul star Laura Mvula grew up in the suburbs of Selly Park and Kings Heath before her debut album Sing To The Moon catapulted her to fame.

She won two MOBO Awards, an Urban Music Award and was nominated for three BRITs, a Q Award and an Ivor Novello. It's an impressive haul for a humble, feet-on-the-ground performer, who will return to her home city on Saturday to headline the O2 Institute.

In the summer Laura released her second album The Dreaming Room, played at Glastonbury and V Festivals and took part in the David Bowie Prom at London's Albert Hall.

She was classically trained at Birmingham Conservatoire and had little time to adjust to her new-found success and the fame it has brought.

"I'm not sure how natural a thing it is to exist so publicly as a human," she says.

Laura made her new record while experiencing a dark time of divorce and anxiety but says the process has helped her to grow as a person.

"Before, everything felt so ultimate to me. I've grown up a little bit, and by taking the music more seriously I take myself a bit less seriously, which is helpful."

The foundation song for her new album is the ballad Show Me Love.

"It's become the cornerstone of the record. There's an old church song we used to sing at funerals: It is Well With My Soul. When I listen to this music I feel whole. I feel so at home in myself."

### Venues turn the clock back to 1979

BIG names from the New Wave and punk era have gigs coming up this weekend. John Lydon (formerly Johnny Rotten) brings PiL to the O2 Institute in Digbeth on Friday (November 18).

Liverpudlian rock icon Pete 'The Story of the Blues' Wylie brings his Mighty WAH! to the O2 Academy 3 venue on Saturday. Wylie recently released his first new album in 16 years, entitled Pete Sounds!

The Vapors, who had a hit with Turning Japanese in 1980, have reformed and have a gig at The Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on Saturday. Support comes from Wolverhampton '70s Mod Revival outfit The Circles.

### Rep homage to a gay sporting icon

IN 1976 19 million watched Birmingham skater John Curry win Olympic gold for Britain in the men's figure skating at Innsbruck. He was BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

But unlike some Olympic heroes, Curry seems to have slipped out of the public consciousness since his AIDS-related death in 1994, at the age of 44. Now actor and writer Tony Timberlake aims to revive the reputation of the 'Nureyev of the Ice', a gay sporting icon, in his one-man show at Birmingham Rep's The Door venue, Looking For John, which opened last night (Wednesday) and continues until Saturday.

### Getting heavy - we're ready to rock

IT'S a great week ahead for rockers with Kentucky's Black Stone Cherry in action at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Tuesday and then Yorkshire's reformed Terrorvision, fronted by Tony Wright, at the Wulfrun Hall on Wednesday.

Roger Taylor's official Queen Extravaganza, featuring Canadian singer Marc Martel in a line-up hand picked by Taylor and Brian May, has sold out Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Saturday night. That's the same night Irish rockers The Answer have filled the O2 Academy 2 and Chicago's SOiL play the O2 Institute. Aussies Airbourne play the Institute on Tuesday.

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**Michael McIntyre**

**Michael McIntyre's Big Show (BBC1, 8.10pm)**

New series. The lively comedian's family entertainment series returns, as Michael invites more stars to perform in front of a live audience at London's Theatre Royal on Drury Lane. For this first edition, chart-topping, Grammy-nominated singer Ellie Goulding performs, and the cast of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new West End production School of Rock also take to the stage.

**10.10 BBC News:** Weather.

**10.30 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest matches. National Lottery Update.

**12.00 Asian Provocateur:** Mum's American Dream. **12.30 The NFL Show.**

**1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.05 BBC News.**

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**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.** **11.30 James Martin:** Home Comforts. **12.00 Football Focus.** **1.00 BBC News;** Weather. **1.15 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.00 Live International Rugby Union.** Wales v Japan (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30 Final Score.** **5.25 BBC News.** **5.35 Regional Programme.** **5.45 Children in Need – The Best Bits.**

**6.55 Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly, Claudia Winkleman and the Strictly entourage head to Blackpool's world-famous Tower Ballroom, the spiritual home of dancing, for this week's edition. Over the years its elegant surroundings have been host to thousands of amateur and professional dancers – and tonight the tradition continues as the celebrity hoofers and their partners battle to get their names at the top of the leaderboard and avoid the fate of last week's eliminated couple. As they perform a mixture of routines, they'll be hoping to impress judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell, but they'll also need viewers' votes to keep them out of tomorrow's dance-off.

**8.10 Michael McIntyre's Big Show.** New series. The lively comedian's family entertainment series returns, as Michael invites more stars to perform in front of a live audience at London's Theatre Royal on Drury Lane. For this first edition, chart-topping, Grammy-nominated singer Ellie Goulding performs, and the cast of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new West End production School of Rock also take to the stage.

**9.10 Casualty.** Connie throws herself into her work to avoid contemplating the seriousness of Grace's condition, as the consultants agree to let her go home.

**10.00 The National Lottery Live.** The all-important winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed, as Alexander Armstrong joins Kate Garraway to do the honours and presses the button.

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**6.35 Film:** The Turtles of Tahiti. (1942)

**8.05 Film:** Letter from an Unknown Woman. (1948) **9.30 Joan Fontaine:** Talking Pictures. (R) **10.00 Secret Britain.** (R) **11.00 Natural World.** (R) **12.00 The Good Cook.** (R) **12.30 The Best Dishes Ever.** (R) **1.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British.** (R) **2.00 Live Tennis:** ATP World Tour Finals. **4.30 Live International Rugby Union.** Scotland v Argentina (Kick-off 5.00pm).

**7.10 International Rugby Union.** England v Fiji. Lee McKenzie presents highlights of the autumn international at Twickenham, where the hosts were trying to maintain their winning record over the Pacific Islanders. Eddie Jones' side suffered a number of injury withdrawals prior to this state of matches, so Fiji may well have seen this as an ideal opportunity to claim a first win in seven attempts against England.

**8.10 Coastal Path.** Explorer Paul Rose takes in the North Cornish coast, touring Tintagel Castle, experiencing the hustle and bustle of Padstow's 'Obby 'Oss festival, and visiting St Ives.

**8.40 Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and the platoon are assigned to guard a vital telephone line through the night, but wake to find an unexploded bomb caught in the wires. (R)

**9.10 Sold! Inside the World's Biggest Auction House.** Two-part documentary going behind the scenes at Christies, as the renowned London-based auction house marks its 250th anniversary. Charting a year in the life of the international institution, cameras record the highs and lows of life in the art business, from London to Dubai, via Hong Kong and New York.

**10.10 Artsnight: What Has the Turner Prize Ever Done for Us?** Waldemar Januszczak looks back over the past three decades since the establishment of the Turner Prize, as he explores the award's relevance to the arts in contemporary Britain.

**10.45 Film: Boyz n the Hood.** (1991) A teenager growing up in South Central Los Angeles with a domineering father struggles to resist the temptations of crime. Drama, with Cuba Gooding Jr.

**12.30 Film: Dirty Pretty Things.** (2002)

**2.00 This is BBC Two.**

ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.10 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids.** (R) **6.20 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures.** (R) **6.45 Sooty.** (R) **6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story.** (R) **7.00 Super 4.** (R) **7.15 Oddbods.** (R) **7.25 Scrambled!: Scrambled!** **7.30 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters.** (R) **7.50 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** (R) **8.10 Scrambled!: Loopd.** **8.30 Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Do!** **9.05 Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** (R) **9.25 ITV News.** **9.30 Murder.** She Wrote. (R) **10.25 Murder.** She Wrote. (R) **11.20 Wild Australia with Ray Mears.** (R) **11.50 Judge Rinder.** (R) **12.50 ITV News:** Weather. **1.00 Cash Trapped.** (R) **1.55 This Time Next Year.** (R) **2.55 Big Star's Little Star.** (R) **4.00 Thunderbirds Are Go.** **4.25 The Chase.** (R) **5.30 Regional Programme;** Weather. **5.45 ITV News;** Weather.

**6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Marco Pierre White, Brooke Vincent, and Carl Fogarty take part in the arcade-style game show.

**7.00 Meet the Parents.** Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best – their mum and dad.

**8.00 The X Factor.** The live show phase continues, as the remaining contestants endure another round of tense performances, in which any mistake could cost them their place among the line-up. With November well and truly past the halfway point, and December on the horizon, thoughts will likely be dwelling on the imminent finals, which will decide whether one of the would-be stars will achieve their moment in the spotlight. As ever, Louis Walsh, Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger and Simon Cowell take their seats at the judges desks, and Dermot O'Leary is on hand to offer moral support to the acts following their nerve-racking turns on the stage.

**9.25 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge.

**10.25 ITV News;** Weather.

**10.40 Film: American Gangster.** (2007) Fact-based crime drama about 1970s drug kingpin Frank Lucas and the cop who tried to bring him down in the face of police corruption. Starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

**1.30 Jackpot247.** **3.00 Murder.** She Wrote. (R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 Gillette World Sport.** **6.35 Motorbike Racing:** Sunflower Trophy 2016. **7.35 Frasier.** (R) **8.00 Frasier.** (R) **8.30 Frasier.** (R) **9.00 The Morning Line.** **10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** **10.30 The Big Bang Theory.** **11.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **11.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.30 Deal or No Deal.** **1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Haydock Park and Ascot. **4.00 Jamie's Super Food.** (R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location.** (R) **5.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.**

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 China: Between Clouds and Dreams.** A courageous young mother finds out that a local factory has been releasing poisonous hydrogen cyanide, and four young journalists enter a competition to highlight the plight of the endangered spoon-billed sandpiper. On the Tibetan Plateau, novice monk Gama finds out how a huge open mine the size of the City of London threatens to contaminate China's Yellow River.

**8.00 Britain at Low Tide.** New series. Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands set out to document Britain's industrial and natural maritime history, using state-of-the-art technology to comb the nation's exposed coastlines during times of low tide. They first head out to the Northumbrian coastline, to investigate the tragic story of a French fishing trawler that was wrecked off shore in 1913.

**9.00 Film: A Good Day to Die Hard.** (2013) John McClane goes to Russia having received word that his estranged son Jack is in trouble with the law. He is surprised to discover Jack is secretly a CIA agent, and father and son join forces to take on the Russian Mob, who are engaged in a plot to steal nuclear weapons. Action adventure sequel, starring Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney and Mary Elizabeth Winstead.

**11.00 The Rolling Stones: Die Ole Ole! A Trip Across Latin America.** Documentary following the Rolling Stones' tour in early 2016 through 10 Latin American cities, with live performances, intimate stories and personal insights into their tour life.

**12.30 Film:** Side Effects. (2013) **2.20 Holyoaks.** (R) **4.30 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under.** (R) **5.25 Deal or No Deal.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** **10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) **10.45 House Doctor.** (R) **11.45 Film: Married by Christmas.** (2016) **1.30 Film: Christmas Child.** (2004) Premiere. Festive drama, starring William R Moses. **3.25 Film: Christmas in Conway.** (2013) Festive romantic drama, starring Andy Garcia. **5.20 Film: The Christmas Spirit.** (2013) Fantasy, starring Nicolette Fielding.

**7.10 NCIS.** The team gets close to tracking down Paloma Reynosa, while the Mexican drug kingpin's brother tries to secure a deal involving her extradition. (R)

**8.00 NCIS: New Orleans.** Danielle Jarrett, a naval chef on shore leave, is severely injured by an explosion at her family's 100-year-old restaurant in New Orleans' French Quarter. The team quickly establishes the cause of the blast was a bomb, and discovers Danielle herself was the target of the attack. However, she is reluctant to help in the investigation, in order to protect a family secret. Meanwhile, in Washington, Brody's mission to identify the source of the leak that scuppered General Matthews' career is put to a halt by the FBI – until a charming Homeland Security agent saves her from interrogation and offers to share his resources. Naval crime drama, starring Zoe Lister-Jones.

**8.55 5 News Weekend.**

**9.00 Football on 5: The Championship.** George Riley and Lynsey Higgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Derby County v Rotherham United at iPro Stadium, and Ipswich Town v Nottingham Forest.

**10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush.** George Riley and Lynsey Higgrave introduce all the goals from the games in Leagues One and Two, including Bolton Wanderers v Millwall.

**10.30 That's So 1982.** A look at 1982, using news, pop and TV archive clips. It was the year of the Falklands War, Prince William's birth, the launch of Channel 4, and ET: The Extra-Terrestrial. (R)

**11.30 Impractical Jokers UK.** David, Matt, Lee and Sal play a round of 'Touch the Stranger'.

**12.00 SuperCasino.** **3.10 Film:** National Security. (2003) **4.40 Access.** **4.50 House Doctor.** (R) **5.40 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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**BBC Four**

**7.00 India's Frontier Railways** **8.00** Timeshift: Penny Bakes & Wopeny Blues: How Britain Got Stuck on Stamps **9.00 Deep Water** **10.45 The Undiscovered Peter Cook** **11.45 Neil Diamond: Electric Blue** **12.50 Neil Diamond** **1.20 Top of the Pops: 1982** **1.55 John Denver: Country Boy** **2.55 Country at the BBC** **3.55 Close**

**ITV2**

**1.30 Film:** The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) **2.30 FYI Daily** **2.35 Film:** The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) **3.10 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **4.10 FYI Daily** **4.15 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **5.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** **6.30 Film:** Jack and Jill (2011) **7.30 FYI Daily** **7.35 Film:** Jack and Jill (2011) **8.25 Scorpion** **9.25 The Xtra Factor** **9.55 Family Guy** **10.25 I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp** **11.25 Family Guy** **12.25 American Dad!**

**ITV3**

**11.20 FYI Daily** **11.25 Film:** Black Beauty (1994) **12.05 Film:** Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind (1975) **1.45 Film:** The Queen (2006) **2.40 FYI Daily** **2.45 Film:** The Queen (2006) **3.50 Agatha Christie's Marple** **5.55 A Touch of Frost** **8.00 Doc Martin** **9.00 Endeavour** **11.00 The Wycliffe**

**ITV4**

**1.20 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **2.20 FYI Daily** **2.25 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **3.00 Film:** Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **4.00 FYI Daily** **4.05 Film:** Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **5.15 Fishing Impossible** **6.15 Storage Wars** **7.15 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **8.15 FYI Daily** **8.20 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **9.00 Film:** Waterworld (1995) **10.00 FYI Daily** **10.05 Film:** Waterworld (1995) **11.35 Film:** First Blood (1982) **12.35 FYI Daily** **12.40 Film:** First Blood (1982) **1.40 Car Crash Global**

**E4**

**2.30 Film:** Scrooged (1988) **4.30 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas** **5.00 The Big Bang Theory** **6.00 Film:** Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) **10.00 Gogglebox** **11.05 Tattoo Fixers** **12.10 Rude Tube** **1.20 The Inbetweeners** **2.25 Body Fixers** **3.20 New Girl** **4.00 The Mindy Project** **4.45 Revenge**

**Film4**

**11.00 Winchester** **73 (1950)** **1.00 ParNorman (2012)** **2.50 Short Circuit 2 (1988)** **5.05 Big (1988)** **7.10 Just Married (2003)** **9.00 Super 8 (2011)** **11.15 Frankenstein (2014)** **1.00 The Raid (2011)** **3.10 Close**

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**The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever? (Channel 5, 9pm)**  
Documentary made to mark the 25th anniversary of the Queen frontman's death, which explores two of the most important years in his life, from the band's iconic performance at the Live Aid concert in 1985 to his diagnosis with Aids in 1987. The programme examines his struggle to keep his private life out of the tabloids and to continue recording music in the face of his failing health. Featuring contributions from family and friends, including chauffeur and bodyguard Terry Giddings, who shares his account of the final years for the first time.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.15** BBC News: Weather. **1.30** Songs of Praise. **2.05** Live Four Nations Rugby League. The final (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.45** Planet Earth II. (R) **5.45** BBC News. **6.05** Regional Programme. **6.15** **Countryside**. Matt Baker meets young RSPB rangers in West Yorkshire, while Anita Rani talks to a local author inspired by the landscape and finds out about an award-winning halloumi cheese producer from Syria. Naomi Wilkinson discovers the challenges facing the fire brigade at Ogden Water, Adam Henson celebrates English wine, and Tom Heap reports on how sheep farming may soon be impossible in some parts of Britain. **7.15** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results**. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show from the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Featuring performances from Rick Astley and Simple Minds. **8.00** **Planet Earth II**. Animals that live in jungles, including creatures that glow in the dark which have never been captured on film before, as well as freshwater dolphins and the largest living lemur. **9.00** **My Mother and Other Strangers**. Francis and Seamie get mixed up in ee-poaching when they join the Hanlons on a supposed fishing trip, and Michael's cold behaviour pushes Rose towards Dreyfuss. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the sole Premier League encounter of the day. **11.15** **Sunny D**. New series. Comedy, written by and starring Dane Baptiste as a frustrated 29-year-old still living with his parents. Dane dreads a party to celebrate his dad's 65th birthday. **11.35** **Getting High for God?** Part one of two. Mawaan Rizwan investigates the use of hallucinogenic by certain religions, beginning by travelling to Utah to spend time with the Oklevueha Native American Church. **12.05** Film: Once. (2006) **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.45** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **8.15** Carol Klein's Plant Odyssey. **8.45** Countryside: A Remembrance Sunday Special. (R) **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** The Good Cook. (R) **11.45** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** International Rugby Union. (R) **2.00** Film: Dial M for Murder. (1954) **3.45** Escape to the Continent. (R) **4.45** Heir Hunters. (R) **5.15** Flog It! (R) **6.00** **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals**. Sue Barker presents coverage of the final at the O2 in London, where the showpiece event brings a conclusion to the ATP Tour for another season. Novak Djokovic continued his dominance over the men's game last year by securing this title with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Roger Federer, giving him a fifth victory overall and a fourth in succession. In fact, since 2003, only two men other than Djokovic and Federer have won this tournament, those being David Nalbandian in 2005, and Nikolay Davydenko in 2009. **9.00** **Life and Death the Pentecostal Way**. Documentary exploring Britain's fastest-growing Christian denomination, following the congregation and staff at one of the country's oldest black-majority Pentecostal churches. **10.00** **Black is the New Black**. Black British people who have succeeded in their chosen field discuss the challenges they and others have had to overcome, including tokenism, self-censorship and lack of capital. **10.30** **Frankie Boyle's US Election Autopsy**. The comedian shares his thoughts on the US presidential election from London's Asylum Chapel. **11.10** **QI XL**. Sandi Toksvil invites Jason Manford, Sara Pascoe, Jeremy Clarkson and Alan Davies to answer questions on the subject of 'noble rot' in an extended edition of the panel show. **11.55** Film: **8 Minutes Idle**. (2012) A lazy call centre employee is forced to secretly live in the office when his parents throw him out of the family home. Comedy, starring Tom Hughes and Antonia Thomas. **1.15** Sign Zone: Countryside: A Remembrance Sunday Special. (R) **2.15** Holy City. (R) **3.15** This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.25** Scrambled! Scrambled! **7.30** Scrambled! Nerts & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled! Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled! Looped. **8.30** Scrambled! Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.05** Scrambled! Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Bear Grylls Survival School. **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. (R) **11.25** Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** The Chase. (R) **1.35** The X Factor. (R) **3.00** Midsummer Murders. (R) **5.00** Tipping Point. (R) **6.00** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** **Off Their Rockers**. Louis Walsh is the victim of a prank when he finds something suspicious in his suitcase. Plus, Gail gets help with her Tinder profile and Tony gets buried on the beach. **7.00** **The Next Great Magician**. Stephen Mulhern and Rochelle Humes introduce another batch of acclaimed magic acts, with illusionist Josephine Lee setting up an unsuspecting family and Laura London sharing a drink with some of the Coronation Street cast in the Rovers Return. Paul Vu displays his amazing Rubik's cube skills, Rob Zabrecky freaks out Jaymi Hensley, Jimmy Bullard and Michelle Heaton at a haunted house, and South Korea's Seol Park demonstrates his take on the traditional cups and balls trick. **8.00** **The X Factor**. Dermot O'Leary presents the results of last night's show, followed by a sing-off to determine which of the lowest scoring acts will be the next to leave the competition. **9.00** **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle. **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.20** Peston on Sunday. (R) **11.20** Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present. **12.15** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** Snowdonia Triathlon Festival. **7.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **7.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **7.55** Film: Inspector Gadget. (1999) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader. (2010) Fantasy adventure, with Georgie Henley and Skandar Keynes. **5.05** Film: The Aristocats. (1970) **6.35** Channel 4 News. **7.00** **0 to 60mph: Britain's Fastest Kids**. Documentary about three children on the professional go-kart racing circuit and the parents who support them through gruelling training and the pursuit of sponsorship deals as they work towards becoming Formula 1 drivers when they grow up. While two families are able to spend large sums of money on their children's ambitions, 10-year-old Fenn Chapman, who has found the sport useful in managing his autism, is unable to join a professional team and faces competitors with much higher budgets. **8.00** **The Lost Lotus: Restoring a Race Car**. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead restore a 1950s Lotus Elite that was designed and built by Formula 1 engineer Colin Chapman as a prototype for the production models that followed. They plan to take it on to the track at Silverstone for the biggest classic car event of the year – even though this risks the vehicle being damaged before it can be sold at auction. **9.00** **Humans**. Mia and Ed's secret is discovered, Hester's influence creates conflict between Leo and Max, and the outcome of the trial leaks break for Niska, until Laura calls a surprise witness. **10.00** Gogglebox. (R) **11.05** Film: **Tower Heist**. (2011) The manager of an apartment complex recruits a thief to steal back his friends' pension fund from a Wall Street fraudster. Crime comedy, starring Ben Stiller. **1.05** The Last Leg. (R) **2.00** Flying to the Ends of the Earth. (R) **2.55** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **3.50** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.45** The Common Denominator. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.25** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Seaside Antics. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.20** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **8.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **1.00** Film: The Perfect Holiday. (2007) **2.50** Film: Window Wonderland. (2013) Premiere. **4.30** Film: A Puppy for Christmas. (2016) Premiere. Festive romantic comedy, starring Cindy Busby. **6.20** Film: **The Christmas Note**. (2015) Premiere. After moving back home before Christmas, a disillusioned woman finds a new purpose when she helps her neighbour look for a missing sibling. Drama, with Jamie-Lynn Sigler. Includes 5 News at 7. 10pm. **8.00** **Ice Road Truckers**. A fight for survival begins when two rival companies pull a cat train over the frozen Hudson Bay. Disaster strikes as the ice cracks under the heavy load. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** **The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever?** Documentary made to mark the 25th anniversary of the Queen frontman's death, which explores two of the most important years in his life, from the band's iconic performance at the Live Aid concert in 1985 to his diagnosis with Aids in 1987. The programme examines his struggle to keep his private life out of the tabloids and to continue recording music in the face of his failing health. **11.05** **20 Moments That Rocked Pop**. Countdown of significant performers, songs or occasions that impacted the genre, including 1985's global Live Aid event, which redefined how society donated to charity. (R) **12.35** That's So 1985. (R) **1.30** SuperCasino. **3.10** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **4.00** Tattoo Disasters UK. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car.

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**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Yehudi Menuhin at the BBC **8.00** Young, Gifted and Classical: The Making of a Maestro **9.00** Henry VIII's Enforcer: The Rise and Fall of Thomas Cromwell **10.00** Storyville: Executed by ISIS – The Jomari Fajoy Story **11.25** Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution **12.25** Impact! A Horizon Guide to Plane Crashes **1.25** Beautiful Equations **2.25** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom  
**ITV2**  
**12.45** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **1.45** Film: Step Up 3 (2010) **2.45** FYI Daily **2.50** Film: Step Up 3 (2010) **4.55** FYI Daily: Yogi Bae (2010) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: Yogi Bae (2010) **5.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.40** Film: The Mummy (1999) **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45** Film: The Mummy (1999) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.00** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** The Hot Desk: Vicky Pattison  
**ITV3**  
**12.25** A Touch of Frost **2.25** Film: Columbo: Playback (1975) **4.00** Film: Forever Young (1992) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: Forever Young (1992) **6.05** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Mother's Son **12.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.00** May the Best House Win **3.45** Murder, She Wrote **4.35** Wycliffe **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen  
**ITV4**  
**1.00** Pawn Stars **3.55** Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00** Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **6.10** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **7.10** FYI Daily **7.15** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: The Keeper (2009) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** Film: The Keeper (2009) **11.00** Film: Ransom (1996) **12.00** Fishing Impossible **2.25** The Car Chasers  
**E4**  
**1.00** Film: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **3.15** Rude(s)h Tube Shorts **4.30** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Unknown (2011) **11.20** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.25** The Interveners **1.35** Crazyhead **2.40** New Girl **3.25** Hollywoods  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Film: The Colditz Story (1954) **1.00** Dear John (2010) **3.10** Hor! Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **4.50** The Pound of Flesh: The Baskervilles (1959) **6.35** Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) **9.00** 47 Ronin (2013) **11.15** Machete Kills (2013) **1.25** Micmacs (2009) **3.35** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

From Hell, Channel 5, 11.05pm

A detective tries to use his opium-triggered visions to put an end to Jack the Ripper's reign of terror over 19th-century London. But in the course of his investigation, he uncovers a sinister conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of Victorian society. Mystery thriller, based on Alan Moore's comic book series, starring Johnny Depp, Heather Graham, Ian Holm and Robbie Coltrane. (2001)

TUESDAY

Little Voice, BBC1, 11.50pm

A painfully shy woman has a talent for impersonating famous performers including Shirley Bassey, Marilyn Monroe and Judy Garland. She is spotted by a greedy promoter who instinctively realises her considerable movie-spinning potential, but the shrinking violet proves reluctant to step into the limelight. Comedy drama, with Jane Horrocks, Michael Caine, Brenda Blethyn, Ewan McGregor and Jim Broadbent. (1998)



The Box, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.45pm

WEDNESDAY

The Box, BBC1, 11.45pm

A couple are given a mysterious wooden box with a button on it and told that if they press it, they will be given a million dollars but that someone somewhere in the world will die. After pressing the button, they fear they may be the next victim when the box is passed on, and try to find out how and why this is happening. Sci-fi thriller, with Cameron Diaz. (2009)

THURSDAY

The Christmas Note, Channel 5, 3.15pm

After moving back home just before Christmas, a disillusioned woman finds a new purpose when she helps her neighbour look for a missing sibling. Drama based on the novel by Donna VanLiere, starring Jamie-Lynn Sigler and Greg Vaughan. (2015)

FRIDAY

Carry On at Your Convenience, ITV, 11.15pm

Production at toilet manufacturers WC Boggs is brought to a halt when an over-eager trade union representative calls a strike. However, worker unrest is quickly quelled by a jolly trip to the seaside. Comedy, starring Sid James. (1971)

# Danny's family tree is far from a Dyer affair

An "extraordinary range of incredible stories" The words of executive producer Colette Flight ahead of this 13th series of the genealogy documentary in which 10 more celebrities embark journeys of discovery deep into their families' past.

"Who Do You Think You Are? is back with another brilliant line-up of much-loved stars, uncovering hidden history by bringing their ancestors to life," she adds.

"As we follow our celebrities into their personal journey into their family trees, an extraordinary range of incredible stories are revealed, sometimes tragic, sometimes funny, but always compelling."

This new run will span almost 1000 years of history and there will be heartbreak and laughter, intrigue and surprise, as each famous face discovers a cast of remarkable ancestors, including freedom fighters and criminals, war heroes and bigamists.

The series will see a fair few extraordinary firsts as it travels to new territories, exploring how our

celebrities' ancestors were caught up in slavery-era Martinique, the birth of Bangladesh, the invention of the weekend, the first pineapples in Britain and the perils of life in working-class Liverpool.

Britain's Got Talent judge Amanda Holden's investigation brings to light an extraordinary Napoleonic-era cross-channel romance and the forgotten tragedy of Britain's worst ever maritime disaster.

Meanwhile, former Girls Aloud member and X Factor judge Cheryl's journey is one of equal contrasts, as she discovers the story of her long and forgotten great grandfather – a quintessential Tommy in the First World War who survived one of the conflict's key battles.

Also investigating their heritage will be film and stage star Sir Ian McKellen, news presenter Sophie Raworth, The Royle Family actor Ricky Tomlinson, Star Wars and Harry Potter actor Warwick Davis, Countrywise presenter Liz Bonnin, The Inbetweeners actor and comedian Greg Davies and Casualty actress Sunetra Sarker.

But it all begins tonight with EastEnders actor Danny Dyer.

Danny, who now lives in Debden, Epping Forest, was raised in Canning Town and began his acting career as a 16-year-old after being spotted at school and landing a role in Prime Suspect 3.

The actor then found fame in films including Football Factory and Human Traffic before presenting The Real Football Factories and Danny Dyer's Deadliest Men.

In 2013, he signed up for a long-term role as Mick Carter in EastEnders and went on to win the Serial Drama Performance award at the National Television Awards in 2015 and 2016.

When he first agreed to do Who Do You Think You Are?, the 39-year-old said he hoped his family history will 'freak a few people out'.

However, he perhaps gets more than he bargained for on his journey.

As he traces his family from poverty and crime in the East End back through to the 11th century, Danny also discovers he has an incredible connection to nobility.



Danny Dyer features, Who Do You Think You Are?, Thursday, BBC1, 8pm

## BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Back in Time for Brixton

BBC2, 9pm

Part one of two. The Irwins experience 50 years of black British history, discovering how post-war Caribbean immigration transformed the way of life in the UK. The first edition sees them learn what life was like for arrivals coming to Britain in the 1950s and '60s, with presenter Giles Coren and social historian Emma Dabiri introducing them to their new homes and the family sampling the food, work and entertainment of first-generation West Indian immigrants in Brixton.

TUESDAY

The Martin Lewis Money Show

ITV, 8pm

The financial journalist kicks off a new series with an hour-long special set in front of an audience at a London dockside warehouse. With the help of co-presenters Saira Khan and Ranvir Singh, he will attempt to save consumers money on their energy bills. The trio look at where to find the best deals, and how to get the right tariff so that you pay for what you actually use. Plus they share tips on making changes around your home that can save you hundreds of pounds and choosing the right energy-efficient appliances. Throughout the show,

viewers are invited to get in touch via social media and email to talk about their own switching stories. As well as their in-depth guide to utility bills, the team will also be making their predictions for the upcoming Black Friday discounts.

WEDNESDAY

This Time Next Year

ITV, 8pm

Davina McCall meets Karen Jackson, a 40-year-old nurse from Brighton who aims to lose half her body weight so she can finally have IVF treatment. Elsewhere, Linda Ralph, 68, from East Sussex, is hoping to be reunited with her old friend Maria who she's not seen for 50 years after they met in teacher training college. Also on the show is 21-year-old Rhys Jones. After contracting hemiplegic encephalitis as a toddler, Rhys was told he may never walk, but as defied all expectations and was hoping to qualify for Team GB at the Rio Paralympics and win a medal. There is also a district nurse who is hoping she can lose weight and fit back into her biking leathers, and an army medic and mum of three who is undergoing a leg amputation.



The Martin Lewis Money Show, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

THURSDAY

Close to the Enemy

BBC2, 9pm

The search for Lotte sees everyone put aside their differences, while Callum is forced to make a difficult choice between his brother and the orders from his superiors. Believing he is free to both protect and prosecute the Germans as he sees fit, he eventually brings Kathy some information about scientists who have been taken to safe houses – and the two of them work together to prevent someone of importance from leaving the country.

Meanwhile, enchanting American Rachel is encouraged by her husband to get closer to Callum. Stephen Poliakoff drama, starring Jim Sturgess, Phoebe Fox and Charlotte Riley.

FRIDAY

Unreported World

Channel 4, 7.30pm

Millions of schoolgirls

across Africa are being manipulated, threatened and sexually abused by those who are supposed to be looking after them - their teachers. Kiki King visits Mozambique to investigate the disturbing phenomenon known as 'sex for grades', where teachers force their female pupils to have sex with them in return for better grades – or even their deserved grades. As King discovers, the Mozambican Ministry of Education has found that 70 per cent of schoolgirls are either facing this kind of harassment or witnessing it. Last in the series.

Alan Carr's Happy Hour

Channel 4, 8pm

Friday nights with Alan Carr used to mean his talk show Chatty Man, where the celebrities could call in for a post-watershed drink and a natter. But now he's moving to the earlier time of 8pm for his brand new series, which effectively gives him the chance to organise his own club night. Although there will still be celebrity interviews, there will also be stand-up comedy, live music and variety acts, all filmed in front of a specially invited studio. Channel 4 is promising us that it's the best Friday night out you can have without leaving the house – although despite the title, it seems that earlier timeslot means that the booze probably won't be flowing quite as freely as it did on Chatty Man.

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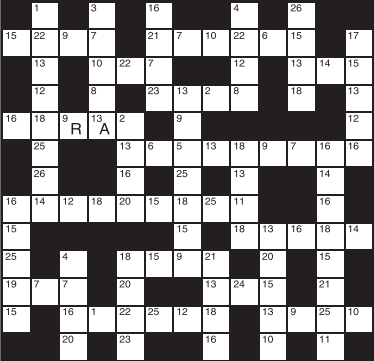
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

X	B	O	U	C	T	Y	K	F	S	G	E	Z
P	I	L	D	Q	M	H	V	J	N	W	A	R

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

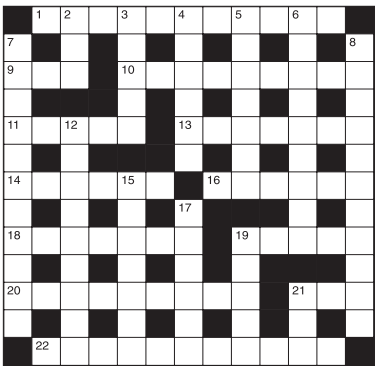
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. Support for any blooming thing! (6-5)
- 9 & 19Dn. The power to observe is certainly embodied in the rowing crew (6)
- 10. Feathers correctly described in plain words (9)
- 11. A piece of material is left (5)
- 13. Wouldn't accept rubbish near the top of the dump (7)
- 14. Offensive encroachment in the motorway (6)
- 16. Broken tea-set - that's what's left! (6)
- 18. What drug addicts and snooker players do! (2,2,3)
- 19. Bundle of papers sorted out by Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (5)
- 20. On the subject of observing (9)
- 21. Sailor seen lying on the road (3)
- 22. No capital can be made out of short note (5,6)

Down

- 2. Shelter for fish on return (3)
- 3. Firmly fix the western boundary (5)
- 4. Part of the sideboard is put up as prize (6)
- 5. Customs levies for restaurant charges (7)
- 6. Supporter is not on time to pass a bill (9)
- 7. Their efforts prove to be appealing, we hear! (4-7)
- 8. Scrutinises the class and decides on the winner (7,4)
- 12. Plan to put stone under rocky beds (9)
- 15. When father returns with unusual pearl, it's put on (7)
- 17. A fabric - just as you choose (2,4)
- 19. See 9 Across
- 21. An obligation to draw the match (3)



Quick Clues:

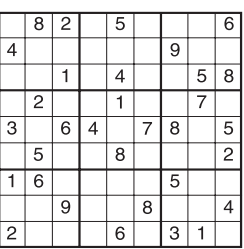
Across

- 1. Charitable gift (11)
- 9. Untruth (3)
- 10. Take to pieces (9)
- 11. Dissertation (5)
- 13. Strain (7)
- 14. Musician (6)
- 16. Sea god (6)
- 18. Aerodrome (3,4)
- 19. Danger (5)
- 20. Instantaneous (9)
- 21. Idiot (3)
- 22. Counterchange (11)

Down

- 2. Before (3)
- 3. Senior (5)
- 4. Property (6)
- 5. Coach (7)
- 6. Clothier (9)
- 7. Mania for stealing (11)
- 8. Nonsensical (11)
- 12. List of entertainments (9)
- 15. Calumny (7)
- 17. Deprive of wind (6)
- 19. Smarten (5)
- 21. Deed (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

9	2	4	1	7	3	5	8	6
6	3	1	6	9	5	2	4	7
5	7	6	2	4	8	3	1	9
7	9	3	4	8	1	6	5	2
2	1	5	7	6	9	8	3	4
6	4	8	3	5	2	9	7	1
3	8	2	9	1	7	4	6	5
1	5	7	8	2	6	4	9	3
4	6	9	5	3	7	1	2	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pupa; 3 Mortised; 9 Serious; 10 Exact; 11 Disagreement; 13 Tablet; 15 Amoral; 17 United States; 20 Alien; 21 Earache; 22 Disperse; 23 Isis. Down: 1 Postdate; 2 Paris; 4 Ousted; 5 Thermometers; 6 Stainer; 7 Duty; 8 Long sentence; 12 Plasters; 14 Bandits; 16 Adders; 18 Tacks; 19 Yard. QUICK - Across: 1 Copy; 3 Assessed; 9 Provoked; 10 Tense; 11 Individually; 13 Untold; 15 Hasten; 17 Conservative; 20 Amble; 21 Secrete; 22 Greeting; 23 Plot. Down: 1 Captious; 2 Proud; 4 Steady; 5 Extravagance; 6 Singlet; 7 Deep; 8 Convalescent; 12 Indecent; 14 Trouble; 16 Prison; 18 Ideal; 19 Gang.

Thinking space

Quiz

- 1. Who wrote Catch-22 in 1961?
- 2. In which city did Mikhail Baryshnikov defect?
- 3. Who was Monty Python's animator?
- 4. In which TV series did Elizabeth Montgomery star?
- 5. What is the female equivalent of the Oedipus complex called?
- 6. Of which county is Lifford the county town?
- 7. Which film star was born Joseph Levitch?
- 8. To what did Nyasaland change its name in 1964?
- 9. Who composed In a Summer Garden in 1908?
- 10. Which philanthropic society was founded by US lawyer Paul Harris in 1905?

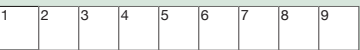
Last week's solutions:

- Quiz: 1 Mother Teresa; 2 Tofu;
- 3 Lake Garda; 4 Brandy; 5 Sahara;
- 6 Republican Party; 7 Pears; 8 Tomato;
- 9 James Clark Ross; 10 Manchester.
- Niner: LIGATURES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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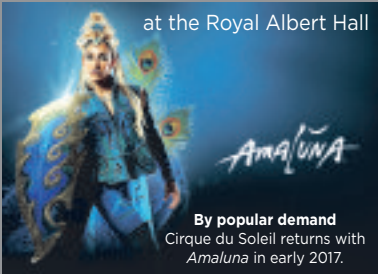


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Years of travelling there every year when our children were growing up always brings back happy memories.

Now they are grown up with families of their own it was our turn to try out this wonderful country, just the two of us. And despite the troubles it has had to endure recently, holidaymakers should not be put off this lovely country.

We sampled the delights of driving there – no jams like our congested M6 and M5 but wide roads and no traffic queues – but much more importantly, lovely beaches and superb campsites, none more so than the Castels site we stayed at Quimper, Domaine de l'Orangerie de Lanniron.

The is a site on a stately scale and I knew as we drove down the tree-lined boulevard to the reception this was going to be good. After a quick check-in from the friendly girls, they pointed the way to our lovely lodge, which was well equipped with verandah and loungers included. The site has everything you could wish for and being a golfer I was thrilled to see the nine-hole course.

**Sue Attwater enjoys a visit to France**

I get ribbed at work for mentioning the four letter word G O L F but I just have to say this was a lovely course in superb condition. I'd better leave it there! Of course for the non-golfer there are so many other facilities, a swimming pool with slides and flumes, tennis, petanque, children's facilities and entertainment and a restaurant and bar overlooking the pool where we enjoyed live music.

## Class

Castels sites seem to have that extra touch of class. This historic site with its beautiful grounds and orangerie which is regularly used for wedding is outstanding. Just to walk round the gardens is enchanting. We did that on our first afternoon there and gatecrashed a wedding with the marquee down by the river – a lovely setting.

The weather was a little mixed at first but soon brightened up. The mornings there are often cooler so are ideal for sightseeing, relaxing by the pool or on the golf course later in the day.

The site is near so many lovely places to visit. Quimper itself – it is possible to walk in from the

site in about 30 minutes – with its amazing cathedral; Concarneau and Beg Meil, a lovely little beach resort; and lots of towns with great markets, like Benodet and Port L'Abbe, where there are craft products on sale, some quite expensive, but there are bargains to be had. Also close by is Locronan, one of the most beautiful villages in France.

The locals are very proud of their area. When we arrived at the we were greeted in Brittany by a young man who handed out a welcome pack including area info and some local produce. A lovely gesture that made us feel right at home.

Our journey across from Plymouth to Roscoff had already set us up for a relaxing time. The overnight ferry was superb and the cabin had its own TV and en suite so you could arrive refreshed. I have never travelled overnight before and would definitely recommend it.

The service with Brittany Ferries was very efficient, on and off the boat and with no fuss, except when my husband forgot to take the alarm off our motor and had to return to the car deck.

It was a short drive from the ferry port to the site – about one a half hours – and a lovely surprise when we got there. So thanks, France, for more happy memories of a different kind.

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# PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY  
GUIDE TO HOME  
BUYING AND  
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27  
The Chronicle Thursday, November 17, 2016

## Spacious detached bungalow in a popular cul-de-sac

Deceptively spacious, this two-bedroomed detached bungalow in Enderley Close, Bloxwich, Walsall, is for sale through Skitts at £239,950 with no chain.

Positioned off Stafford Road, Bloxwich, it has majority double glazing and gas central heating, a garage and off road parking.

Being nicely presented throughout and decorated in neutral shades, it also has two bedrooms, a good sized kitchen, a lounge, a sun room and a bathroom and a beautiful enclosed rear garden.

The front driveway is flanked by a well manicured lawn with shrub and flower borders.

The frontage is bordered by ornamental walling to one side and mature hedging to the other. The lounge is carpeted. The kitchen has modern light-wood-effect units with contrasting working surfaces over, splash-back tiling and carpeted flooring.

The bathroom has a modern suite including a curved shower cubicle, wash hand basin and a WC. The bathroom is also fully tiled.

The rear garden is attractive, with lawn, a terrace/patio area for entertaining, a path leading down to the bottom of the garden and shrub and flower borders.

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### KEY FEATURES

Deceptively spacious

Cul-de-sac location

2 bedrooms

Sun room

No chain

BLOXWICH £239,950



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## Spacious three-bedroom extended property

**WALSALL**  
**£160,000**

**This deceptively spacious three-bedroomed semi-detached property in Simmonds Close, Walsall, lies in the popular Little Bloxwich area of town.**

A property that has been extended, it is for sale through Skitts at £160,000.

With gas central heating and double glazed windows, its accommodation briefly comprises two reception rooms, a downstairs shower room, a family bathroom, garage and a driveway enabling off road parking.

Decorated throughout in neutral shades, the kitchen is spacious and includes attractive high gloss units. The shower room is fitted out in a contemporary style with wall tiling and a modern-style WC.

For further information or to book a viewing, contact Skitts on 01922 478104 or visit [www.skitts.net](http://www.skitts.net)



**Well-presented,  
extended and  
deceptively  
spacious home**

**GREAT WYRLEY**  
**£385,000**

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**With a motivated seller, this very well presented, extended and deceptively spacious four-bedroomed family home in Walsall Road, Churchbridge, Great Wyrley lies in a desirable location.**

It is for sale through Webbs at £385,000 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, a through hallway, an office/study, a sitting room, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, an outstanding re-fitted kitchen, a breakfast area, a utility room and guest WC.

To the first floor there are four bedrooms, a bathroom, an ensuite to master.

Outside there is an integral garage, generous gardens and a driveway providing ample off road parking.

For further information contact Webbs on 01543 468846 or visit [www.webbsstateagents.co.uk](http://www.webbsstateagents.co.uk)



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3 Bedroom Semi Detached House  
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**105 Stubby Lane, Wednesfield**  
3 Bedroom Semi Detached House  
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**11 Frensham Close, Chelmsley Wood**  
2 Bedroom End Terraced House  
**Guide: £90,000 plus**



**128 Selsey Road, Edgbaston**  
2 Bedroom Mid Terraced House  
**Guide: £50,000**



**26 Attwood Street, Halesowen**  
3 Bedroom Mid Terraced Property  
**Guide: £80,000 plus**



**50 Cemetery Road, Willenhall**  
End Terraced Part Residential/  
Commercial Property  
**Guide: £29,000-£34,000**



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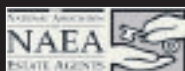
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**NEW** **BLOXWICH**  
SANSTONE ROAD






- Detached Bungalow,
- Corner Plot
- Entrance Porch,
- Through Hallway,
- Generous Lounge,
- Dining/Sitting Room,
- Conservatory,
- Refitted Kitchen,
- Two Double Bedrooms,
- Detached Garage,

**\$269,950**

**NEW** **GREAT WYRLEY**  
NORTON LANE






- Detached Family
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Gardens, Parking
- Det. Double Garage

**\$295,000**

**CANNOCK**  
STAFFORD ROAD




- Traditional Family Home
- Guests WC, Conservatory
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Shower Room, En-Suite
- Landscaped Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

**\$369,950**

**NEW** **RUSHALL**  
ROUGH BROOK ROAD




- Entrance hall,
- Kitchen,
- Lounge,
- Guest WC.
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom.
- Driveway
- Enclosed Garden

**\$134,950**

**CHESLYN HAY**  
STATION STREET



- Stunning Family Home
- Lounge,
- Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom

**\$184,950**

**NEW** **WEST BROMWICH**  
HEATH LANE



- Through hallway,
- Guest WC,
- Kitchen Diner,
- Lounge,
- Three Bedrooms,
- Bathroom, En-Suite
- Landscaped Gardens
- Driveway

**\$189,950**

**NEW** **CHESLYN HAY**  
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## Spacious ground floor flat is available to rent

**WALSALL**  
**£450 PCM**

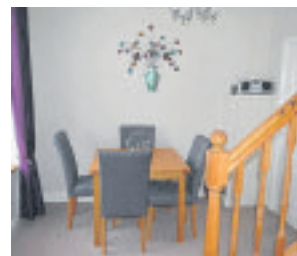
A spacious two-bedroomed ground floor flat, 200a Bloxwich Road, Walsall is available to rent through Boot & Son at £450 per calendar month.

With gas central heating and off road parking it has an entrance hall, a lounge, a kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

In more detail the entrance hall has laminate flooring, the lounge has laminate flooring and the kitchen has a ceramic tiled floor, wall cupboards, a base unit, laminate working surfaces, drawers and plumbing for an automatic washing machine.

Both bedrooms have laminate flooring and one has a storage cupboard.

For further information contact Boot & Son on 01543 505454 or visit [www.bootandson.co.uk](http://www.bootandson.co.uk)



## Semi-detached house has just joined the property market

**BENTLEY**  
**£125,000**

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New to the property market, this two-bedroomed semi-detached house in Lilac Grove, Walsall, is a well presented property in the popular residential area of Bentley.

Having excellent schools and amenities and transport links for commuting, it is for sale through Paul Dubberley at £125,000.

The property, which is double glazed and central heated, has accommodation which briefly comprises of a porch, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a utility, a downstairs WC, inner hall, two bedrooms, a family bathroom and a rear garden. A viewing is essential, said a spokesman for the selling agent.

For further information or to arrange a viewing, contact Paul Dubberley on 01902 633323 or visit [www.pauldubberley.co.uk](http://www.pauldubberley.co.uk)

# K. Stuart Swash

## AUCTION - 29TH NOVEMBER 2016



### 82 COMPTON ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Close to City Centre - spacious Mid Terraced, Lounge, Dining Room, 18ft. Kitchen, Bathroom, Cellar, Two Double Bedrooms, 16ft. Attic Bedroom, Yard & Garden. Epc: E.39. Guide £53,000 / £58,000

**VIEWING:**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 18th & 19th NOVEMBER @ 11.00 a.m.**  
**PLEASE TAKE TORCH.**



### 68 THE LINDENS, NEWBRIDGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Well located Ground Floor Flat, private Hall, 14ft. Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with white fittings and shower over bath, Garage, pleasant outlook to rear. Epc: E.54

Guide £48,000 / £53,000

**VIEWING:**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 18th & 19th NOVEMBER @ 11.45 a.m.**



### 25 CLAREMONT ROAD, SEDGLEY (Development potential STTP)

Detached property - part non-standard construction - Foregarden, Hallway, WC., Room 1, brick built rear section, Room 2 with side entrance, long Rear Garden - approx. 90ft. Epc: TBA

Guide £33,000 / £38,000

**VIEWING:**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 18th & 19th NOVEMBER @ 10.30 a.m.**



### 339 DUDLEY ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

On 'bus route, close to shops, 26ft. Lounge, Rear Hall, Dining Room, long fitted Kitchen, G.F. Shower Room, Three Double Bedrooms, Shower Room No. 2, 17ft. Attic Room, Gas CH., Rear Garden. Epc: TBA

Guide £133,000 / £138,000

**VIEWING:**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 18th & 19th NOVEMBER @ 11.30 a.m.**

### VIEWING OF ALL LOTS AT OWN RISK

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- BRAND NEW BUILD!
- NO CHAIN
- Two Bedroom Terraced Home
- Lounge/Diner,

**OFFERS AROUND:**  
Viewing: **£120,000**



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- 3 Double bedrooms
- Good size bathroom
- kitchen,

**OFFERS AROUND:**  
Viewing: **£145,000**



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**OFFERS AROUND:** Viewing: **£68,000**



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**EPC: C NEST COMMON, PELSALL**



- Modern Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Utility Room, Bathroom
- En-Suite, Cloakroom
- Garage, Driveway

**£975pcm - plus fees**

**EPC: C WAVE CLOSE, WALSALL**



- NEW BUILD APARTMENT
- Lift to 6th Floor
- Lounge with balcony
- Fitted Kitchen with appliances
- 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom
- En-suite, Allocated Parking

**£650pcm - plus fees**


**NEW EPC: B WATERFRONT WAY, WALSALL**



- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- UPVC DG & Electric Heating
- Parking

**£495pcm - plus fees**


**EPC: D MAIN STREET, STONNALL**



- First Floor Split Level Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen With Hob & Oven
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating

**£435pcm - plus fees**


**EPC: D ROCKINGHAM CLOSE, BLOXWICH**



- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, DG
- Economy 7 Heating
- Allocated Parking

**£395pcm - plus fees**

**EPC: D CHURCH STREET, DARLASTON**



- First Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

**£350pcm-plus fees**

**EPC: E BENTLEY LANE, WALSALL**



- Terraced House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Lobby
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- GCH, UPVC DG

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111 Wolverhampton Street Widnesbury	10.00 am	10.00 am
137 Wolverhampton Street Widnesbury	10.20 am	10.20 am
3 Holden Crescent, Coalpool, Walsall	11.00 am	11.00 am
38 Ravenhill Terrace, Rugeley	12.00 pm	12.00 pm
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**LOT 1**

**LAND TO REAR  
1 CAVANS COTTAGE,  
STAFFORD,  
HUNTINGTON,  
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**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- Parcel of Freehold building land
- Approximate dimensions: 370m<sup>2</sup> or thereabouts
- Adjoins Cannock Chase (AONB) to rear
- Convenient for facilities at Cannock town centre
- Suitable for the erection of one 3 bedroom detached cottage

**GUIDE PRICE £50,000 to £70,000**

**LOT 4**


**BUILDING PLOT ADJ.  
167 LITTLEWORTH  
ROAD, HEDNESFORD,  
WS12 1NT**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- Individual building plot with planning permission for erection of one 4 bedroom detached house on three floors
- The site extends to an area of 290m<sup>2</sup> or thereabouts

**GUIDE PRICE £75,000 to £85,000**

**LOT 8**



**111 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,  
WEDNESBURY, WS10 8UE**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- End terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Brick, part render and slate construction
- Requiring comprehensive refurbishment and modernisation
- Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (45)

**GUIDE PRICE £55,000+**

**LOT 2**



**38  
RAVENHILL  
TERRACE,  
RUGELEY,  
WS15 1BS**

**FREEHOLD  
WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- Mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating
- Double glazed
- EPC rating E (53)

**GUIDE PRICE £70,000+**

**LOT 5**


**LAND ADJACENT TO 9 WHITGREAVE  
LANE, RUGELEY, WS15 1NG**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- Residential Freehold building land
- With outline planning permission for 2 No three bedroomed dwellings
- Approximate dimensions: Area 380m<sup>2</sup> or thereabouts

**GUIDE PRICE £80,000 to £100,000**

**LOT 9**




**89 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,  
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- Inner terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Brick, tile and part render construction
- Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (52)

**GUIDE PRICE £40,000+**

**LOT 10**



**3 HOLDEN CRESCENT,  
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POSSESSION**

- Purpose built ground floor flat
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- EPC rating C (74)

**GUIDE PRICE £28,000+**

**LOT 3**



**80 NEWMAN  
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RUGELEY,  
WS15 1BW**

**FREEHOLD  
INVESTMENT**

- End terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating
- Currently producing £6,780 P.A.
- EPC rating E (50)

**GUIDE PRICE £70,000+**

**LOT 6**


**LAND TO REAR OF  
24/26 BROWNHILLS  
ROAD, WALSALL  
WOOD, WS8 7BS**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- Freehold residential building land with planning permission for 3 No houses
- Convenient for facilities at Walsall Wood and Brownhills Centre
- Approximate dimensions: Area or thereabouts

**GUIDE PRICE £150,000 to £175,000**

**LOT 7**




**137 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET,  
WEDNESBURY, WS10 8UE**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- Inner terraced house of brick redner and slate construction
- Requiring comprehensive renovation
- Three bedrooms
- Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (48)

**GUIDE PRICE £60,000+**

**LOT 11**



**33 POPLAR  
LANE,  
CANNOCK,  
WS11 1NQ**

**LEASEHOLD  
WITH VACANT  
POSSESSION**

- Detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Detached garage
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Potential for extensions/improvement
- EPC rating C (69)

**GUIDE PRICE £160,000+**



## Estate House, Darwall Street, Walsall WS1 1DA

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## Auction

Thursday 8th  
December 2016  
at 6.00pm Precisely

Banks's Stadium, Walsall  
Football Club, Bescot  
Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4SA

### Lot 1 Formans Road Birmingham

21st, 28th Nov and 6th Dec all at Midday



This traditionally styled mid terrace property is in need of complete modernisation and improvement but offers tremendous scope for further improvement. Conveniently situated just off Stratford Road, close to Sparkhill Park with shopping and other facilities available, the property would make an ideal purchase for a builder or investor.

●Guide Price £69,000 PLUS

### Lot 1a St James Avenue Rowley Regis

16th and 23rd November 3pm



This semi detached property (originally a three bedroom) is in the process of being extended at ground and first floor level and is currently semi derelict. Cash offers only are therefore invited for the property which will eventually offer spacious well proportioned living accommodation. Situated in a popular residential area this property was a former police house.

●Guide Price £85,000 PLUS

### Lot 2 Queen Street Burntwood

22nd Nov 11am, 26th Nov 1.15pm



Situated just off Chasetown High Street, this semi detached property is converted into 2 self contained one bedroom flats offering a tremendous opportunity for an investor. Both have double glazing and electric storage heaters. Set back behind a small foregarden and driveway the property is in need of some minor improvements.

●Guide Price £95,000 PLUS

### Lot 3 Catshill Road Brownhills

22nd Nov 11.45 am, 26th Nov 12.30 pm



Situated in a popular residential area close to Brownhills Centre, this semi detached property is of traditional build and is in need of complete modernisation and improvement.

●Guide Price £80,000 PLUS

### Lot 4 Monmouth Road Smethwick



Freehold building plot on the corner of Monmouth Road and Beechwood Road on the site of the Western Power Distribution Sub Station. Planning Permission (subject to conditions) Application No: DC/15/57923 Sandwell Council for the demolition of the existing sub station building and the construction of two 3 bedroom detached dwellings. The plot is situated in a highly regarded and popular residential area with access to all local amenities.

●Guide Price £80,000 PLUS

### Lot 5 Gravelly Lane Erdington

By appointment through Auctioneers



Situated close to the heart of Erdington and close to Railway Station, this semi detached property lends itself to a number of uses. Ideal as a buy-to-let with potential for HMO or as an individual residence, the property offers well planned spacious living accommodation with scope for further improvement. With double glazing and gas central heating.

●Guide Price £135,000 PLUS

### Lot 7 Wolverhampton Street Wednesbury

26th and 5th December 10.30 am



Situated in a popular residential area this three bedroom terraced property is ideally located with two schools within walking distance. The property is in need of full modernisation and is perfectly suited towards an investor.

●Guide Price £47,500 PLUS

### Lot 8 Selborne Road Handsworth Wood

Co Agent Paul Carr on 0121 358 4444



Substantially proportioned Victorian-style semi-detached property situated in a desirable residential location. Convenient to public transport links and within easy reach Perry Barr One Stop Shopping Centre whilst good local schools and shops are also close by. Set over three spacious levels this Grand Old property has been converted into five self-contained flats which are all fully let and bringing in a potential income of around £21,000.00 per annum inclusive. Outside the property enjoys an expansively private rear garden setting combining an extensive paved patio whilst also incorporating a separate outbuilding/ storage and toilet facility.

●Guide Price £225,000 PLUS

### Lot 9a Springfields Walsall

21st Nov 3pm, 26th Nov 1:45pm



A delightfully appointed and maintained semi detached corner bungalow benefiting from gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. Situated in a popular residential area within a short walk of Rushall centre, the property would be ideal as a rental or for owner occupation for a first time buyer.

●Guide Price £110,000 PLUS

### Lot 10 Land at Reliant Close Castle Bromwich



Freehold Building Plot situated in a quiet cul-de-sac just off Lanchester Way, Chelmsley Wood (solihull). Planning Permission (subject to conditions) is granted for the erection of a Four bedroom detached house. Planning Application No: PL/2016/01304/PPFL Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. The site is situated in a popular residential area amongst other relatively new build properties.

●Guide Price £40,000 PLUS

### Lot 12 Lanchester Way Castle Bromwich

A small plot of amenity land approximately 0.07 acre with a frontage of 58 ft to Lanchester Way.



A small plot of amenity land approximately 0.07 acre with a frontage of 58 ft to Lanchester Way.

●Guide Price £5,000 - £10,000

### Lot 13 Canning Close Walsall

26th Nov and 5th Dec 11.45 am



occupying a delightful location just off Park Hall Road with open aspect to rear, this detached bungalow residence has gas central heating via a new Potterton combi boiler and uPVC double glazing but offers scope for further improvement. Ideally suited to a downsizing couple, the property is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac.

●Guide Price £169,000 PLUS

### Lot 14 Radnor Close Birmingham

21st and 28th Nov 11.00 am



This modern three storey property is situated in a popular residential area with a primary school within walking distance. The property has been well maintained and requires very little work and therefore is ideally suited towards an investor or home owner.

●Guide Price £110,000 PLUS

### Lot 14a Hillingford Avenue Great Barr

24th Nov 10.00am, 26th Nov 2.00pm



A larger style semi detached house situated on the much sought after Phaeasy Estate with shopping and amenities close at hand. This spacious family home has central heating and double glazing and is approached via a front garden along with block paved driveway leading to the front door entrance. Internally there is a spacious entrance hall with doors off and stairs to the first floor accommodation. The ground floor accommodation offers a spacious L shaped lounge, kitchen, utility area, ground floor bathroom and additional sitting area. On the first floor, the property benefits from 5 bedrooms and a family shower room.

●Guide Price £180,000 PLUS

### Lot 16 Land adjacent to 10 Bell Road Walsall

23rd, and 28th Nov 1.00 pm



Nestled between Bell Road and Park Road to the rear of 6 & 8 Bell Road in one of Walsall's most sought after areas, this plot of land has potential as a building plot subject to necessary planning. Accessed via a private driveway to the right hand side of number 10 Bell Road, the plot opens up to the right and is approximately 0.3 acres in total.

●Guide Price £175,000 PLUS

### Lot 17 10 Bell Road including adjacent land Walsall

23rd and 28th Nov 1.00 pm



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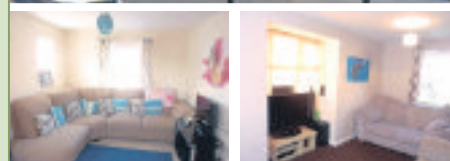
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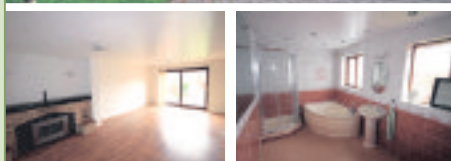
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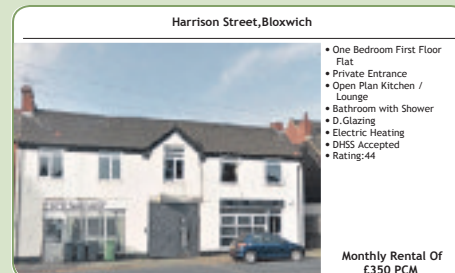
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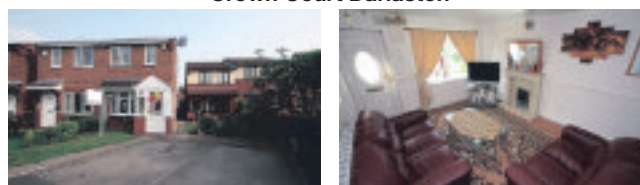
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# Fresh, bold and colourful new C3

By James Parker

**The new Citroën C3 – a fresh, bold and colourful B-segment, 5-door supermini that delivers new levels of advanced comfort and personality to the sector.**

Citroën is renewing its best-selling C3 model, which has already sold more than 3.6 million examples since it was originally launched in 2002.

New Citroën C3 is set to shake-up the market with its highly customisable character and the very latest automotive technologies, including a world premiere for ConnectedCAM Citroën™, an on-board HD camera that allows drivers to share their road-trip photos and videos directly with friends and family.

## Modern

The C3 is everything you would expect a modern Citroën to be – colourful, stylish, brimming with new technologies, supremely comfortable and with a bold, fun-loving personality.

It combines a characteristically Citroën front-end, with soft lines, flowing curves and striking colour schemes to deliver a powerful and energetic look.

Highly customisable, new C3 is audacious and full of personality by design, to ensure each owner can create a bespoke look that suits their individual style.

The exterior has a two-tone paint option, with a choice of three roof colours and complimentary touches of colour around the car (fog lights, door mirrors, rear quarter panels and on the Airbump® panels). Inside,



**The car has a bold and fun-loving personality**

customers have a choice of four different interiors that all deliver a spacious, yet intimate feel, thanks to the shape of the seats and an uncluttered dashboard.

The car is focused on the well-being of everyone on-board.

The Citroën Advanced Comfort® programme has influenced the creation of new C3. Comfortable seats, a panoramic glass sunroof that fills the cabin with light, colours and fabrics inspired by travel and home interior design, a 7-inch touchscreen that groups together all of the key vehicle functions and a keyless entry and start system, all combine to emphasise a feeling of reassurance, comfort and calm.

The car introduces ConnectedCAM Citroën™, which is a world premiere for the brand.

ConnectedCAM Citroën™ uses a fully

integrated camera, located behind the rear view mirror, to capture images and video that can instantly be shared on social media channels, or saved as evidence in the event of an accident.

## Options

The new Citroën C3 now offers even more options that improve the driving experience, with an advanced driver assistance system including voice controlled 3D navigation, a reversing camera, lane departure warning and blind-spot monitoring. Finally, the efficient, high-performance powertrain options continue the technological theme with PureTech petrol and BlueHDi Diesel engines, and the latest generation EAT6 fully automatic gearbox available as part of the range.

Citroën CEO, Linda Jackson, said: "The new C3 has all the Citroën values and all

NEW CITROËN C3 FROM £10,850



**A characteristically Citroën front-end with soft lines and flowing curves**

the qualities to give the brand new impetus, which is especially important as the previous model accounted for almost one in five sales in Europe.

"A comfortable car with real personality, it is set to appeal to new customers looking for a

modern car with character." Xavier Peugeot, Citroën product director, added: "With its unique body style, personalised features and connectivity, New C3 is a bold, fresh, modern car. It illustrates the ongoing Citroën product offensive."

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# Skoda's City slicker does the business

By James Parker

Get behind the wheel of Škoda Citigo and you've a solid, well appointed cabin that promises a solid, well appointed driving experience.

Already, you sense, there's a depth of design here missing from this car's French, Korean and Japanese rivals. Most of these feature three cylinder 1.0-litre engines that are busily revvy at best and downright noisy at worst. A configuration shared here, but delivered with a bit more finesse. Fire the engine and a more refined thrum filters out from beneath the bonnet ahead. Not refined enough, it must be said, to quite let you forget the cylindrical imbalance under the bonnet. But then the characteristic offbeat rasp isn't unpleasant and rather suits this design's rather offbeat charisma.

You'll certainly be hearing plenty of it if rapid progress is needed, for without a turbocharger to boost torque, this one needs to be revved quite a bit, peak power not arriving until 6,000rpm, only 600rpm shy of the red line. And if you're wondering quite how much power we're talking about, the answer is not a great deal in the mainstream 1.0-litre variants we're focusing on here, cars offering a choice of either 60 or 75PS outputs, with an identical 95Nm of torque either way. Most will be content with the base version, capable as it is of sixty in 14.4s on the way to 99mph, quite enough to keep up with the traffic. The performance gains offered by the 75PS variant seem relatively slight (0-60mph in 13.2s on the way to 107mph) but the unit is a little more refined.

The styling looks quite smart but forget the aesthetics: two statistics sum up the real thinking behind this design. A length of around 3.5-metres yet a wheelbase that takes up nearly 2.5-metres of that. Which is



Styling looks quite smart on the Citigo



There is enough space in the rear for two adults

why, though a Citigo is no longer than a Fiat 500, it offers far more room inside, space in fact for the four fully-sized adults who could never comfortably fit in the apparently space-efficient Italian car. Both three and five-door models offer the same amount of rear passenger space of a standard impressive in this segment and helped for taller folk by the way it's possible to easily tuck your feet beneath the seat ahead. Equipment-wise, the entry-level 'S' variant doesn't come with very much at all other than the real basics:

you even have to pay extra for a spare wheel. You do though, get an MP3-compatible CD stereo with an AUX-in socket, body-coloured bumpers, daytime running lights and a 12V powerpoint.

Thanks in part to a low kerb weight of only around 850kg, even the least efficient entry-level 60PS models will return a combined fuel economy figure of 62.8mpg, with emissions pegged at 108g/km. Figures you can improve to 64.2mpg and 103g/km by opting for the efficient ASG automatic gearbox, at just 30kgs

in weight, one of the lightest auto gearboxes ever made. Those looking for better economy still in their 1.0-litre 60PS Citigo will be drawn inexorably to the 'GreenTech' model which features low rolling resistance tyres, a battery regeneration system and a stop start system that cuts the engine when you don't need it in traffic or at the lights. As a result, it can return an impressive 68.9mpg on the combined cycle and emit just 96g/km of carbon dioxide.

Go for the slightly pokier 75PS variant and there's hardly any penalty at the pumps.

Unlike SEAT and Volkswagen, Škoda includes its efficiency package (with start/stop etc as standard with this engine, so the returns achieved – 67.3mpg on the combined cycle and 98g/km – £8,275 – are substantially better than the 75PS SEAT Mii or Volkswagen up! models you'd get for the same or more money. Whether you opt for your Citigo with 60 or 75PS, the benefits of the efficiency package are important given that they take this car below the 100g/km barrier, making it completely free from congestion charges.



The Citigo has a solid, well-appointed cabin that promises a well-appointed driving experience

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The new S-Cross is more distinctly styled, with a bolder new grille

Inside it has been upgraded with high specification

# Beefed up and so much tastier

By John Griffiths

The often overlooked Suzuki S-Cross was among the early players in the now burgeoning compact crossover sector.

In spite of competitive pricing and a high degree of competence, what it perhaps lacked was the chunky looks demanded by those who have sent SUV sales soaring by 27 per cent this year. The car was too car-like for that.

But that's all changed, with a heavily revamped model which offers more room, a range of new hi-tech and efficient engines and importantly perhaps – if first impressions do count – the stronger, bolder looks of a full-blown SUV.

The S-Cross now comes with two small and economical (but still punchy) turbocharged petrol engines: a 1.0 litre version from the new Baleno and the 1.4 from the acclaimed new Vitara S. The revamped 1.6 turbo diesel is more familiar, but now offers lower fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

Unlike many of its rivals, all versions are available with Suzuki's proven ALLGRIP four wheel drive on demand system.

Prices range from £14,999 for a two-wheel drive with the 1.0 Boosterjet engine, rising to £24,349 flagship model with 1.6 turbo diesel and four wheel drive. A six-speed twin clutch auto is an option with both petrol engines.

The new S-Cross is much more distinctively styled, with a bolder new grille, clam shell bonnet, broader 'shoulders' and new LED lights. It also has greater ground clearance.

Inside, it has been upgraded with some softer, more expensive-looking materials and a lot of new technology, including the central information/control screen. The cabin has plenty of room for five adults. Leg and headroom in the back is particularly generous for this class, with a roomy 430 litre boot (875 litres with the rear seatbacks folded down). The seating position is high, one of the attractions of an SUV. It means easier access, and great visibility.

A major attraction is that you can have a smooth, comfortable car with 4x4 capability that is still economical to run and environmentally friendly. That's thanks to the combination of new engines and Suzuki's ALLGRIP 4x4 system, both geared to efficiency and fuel saving.

## Impressed

I must admit that, although I was mightily impressed by the 1.0 Boosterjet engine in the Baleno I did wonder how such a small, three cylinder engine would cope with a heavier 4x4. The answer is perfectly, confirming my high opinion of it in the Baleno. The figures are some illustration: 0 to 62mph in 11 seconds, an official 56.4mpg average and a low 113g/km of CO2, but that's only part of the story.

The small, turbocharged petrol engine is becoming increasingly popular with manufacturers and drivers. It has the economy advantage of a small engine under light throttle, but put your foot down and you have the added oomph from the blower.

The Boosterjet produces 110bhp and 170Nm of torque. Compare that to a current, normally aspirated 1.0 litre engine from a major manufacturer – 60bhp and 95Nm.

The torque figure is, if anything, more important than bhp. It means the Boosterjet, and consequently the S-Cross, is responsive and flexible from low revs and it drives particularly smoothly and quietly without the noise and need for constant gearchanges we experience in a more traditional engine.

The 1.4 Boosterjet, of course, has more of everything. 140PS, 220Nm, a 0 to 62mph sprint time of 10.2 seconds and yet still manages better than 50mpg economy and CO2 emissions of 127g/km. It is both more powerful and more economical than the old 1.6 petrol engine it replaces.

The 1.6 turbo diesel version of the S-Cross, with a special business-user specification, the S2T. With 120bhp and 320Nm of torque can average almost 69mpg and the lowest CO2 rating of the range – 106g/km – making it one of the most tax-efficient SUVs around.

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# Pride as sports stars honoured with awards

**SPORTING** heroes from across the Black Country have been honoured at a special awards ceremony.

Scores of sports stars and clubs packed into the Showcase Cinema in Dudley for the annual Black Country and Physical Activity Awards.

In total there were eight awards handed out, including the Sports Personality of the Year – hotly contested by an Olympian and two Paralympians.

Gymnast Kristian Thomas, able-bodied cyclist Helen Scott and wheelchair tennis player Jordanne Whitley MBE – the latter two both from Halesowen – were all nominated. In the end it went to Thomas, aged 27, from Wolverhampton, and the guest of honour on the night. It follows a stellar year, which saw him win two silver medals at the European Championships and compete in the Rio Olympics.

## Ambassadors

The recently enrolled Wolverhampton University student, who trains in Halesowen but now lives in Wimblebury, Cannock, said: “I really was not expecting this. To be up against them when they’re such good ambassadors for the Black Country and sport, it really is an honour. I am very proud to be representing the Black Country.”

The night began with speeches and introductions from the host of the awards Active Black Country – the group set up to encourage active lifestyles for residents across the region.

Group chairman Deborah Williams told the audience it was ‘great’ to be able to ‘recognise and celebrate the achievements of so many people and organisations’.

The first gong of the night was the Power of Sport award, set up to recognise those who have used sport to make a difference to others.

Akil Maylor, who established Rise up Yoga in a dis-

## SPORTING FEATURE

Report by Jack Avery

***“It really is an honour. I am very proud to be representing the Black Country.” – Olympic gymnast Kristian Thomas***

used shop on the Heath Town estate in Wolverhampton, took home the award to rapturous applause, beating Wendy Hall.

Mr Maylor’s win was swiftly followed by the Community Club of the Year award, won by adult running group Stourbridge Mums on the Run.

Emma Barnes, who set the group up five years ago, said: “We were honoured to get the award. We are just a small recreational running group with 94 members including about 30 active on a weekly basis. We run some five times a week.”

The loudest cheers of the night came for Suzy Richards and her son Owen as they collected the award for community project of the year after their Run for Joel event.

The event, set up in memory of Suzy’s son and Owen’s brother Joel who died in last year’s Tunisia attacks, attracted some 1,100 runners and raised more than £27,000. Earlier in the day the family was at Worcester University collecting an honorary first degree for Joel.

Suzy said: “Can I thank everybody, every runner who attended, every volunteer and all the local businesses that have helped – and of course Sandwell Lei-

sure Trust? Joel was all about getting off the sofa, running, getting people into sports. He even tried to get me to do a few street runs.

“Last year was horrific for us, the community was ripped apart by it. Joel would have been 21 on August 3 and our aim was to do 21 events but we’ve smashed it and done 24 already.”

Owen, 17, added: “We are really pleased with the win. It shows the support that everyone has given from the community.”

One of the most hotly contested awards of the night was for aspiring talent, which saw 19-year-old Darlaston boxer Benjamin Whittaker edge out nordic skier Siobhan Pelow and 400-metre runner Ellis Greatrex.

Already in training for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with Team GB, Whittaker said: “It is an honour to win this award and hopefully I can become a role model and inspire more people into sport.”

## Battled

Sally-Ann Chambers, 47, from Cradley Heath, who was originally nominated for unsung hero of the year, lifted the glass trophy for coach of the year. She works at Midrange Netball Club in Tipton.

There were just two nominees in the school of the year category with The Streety Academy in Walsall taking the honours over Dudley’s Milking Bank Primary, with its 30 extra curricular clubs proving a decisive factor.

Headteacher Billie Downie said: “Sport changes lives but there are too many headteachers and schools who do not see the value of sport. Sport is such a positive influence on young people’s lives.”

Paul Gough beat off Paul Green and Glyn Marston in the unsung hero category. Gough has run Priory Amateur Boxing for some 20 years.

In a pre-recorded message he said: “We are going to do more in the community in the new year and hopefully we will keep benefiting the borough.”



Suzy Richards and son Owen pick up their award



The group of winners at the Black Country Sport &amp; Physical Activity Awards at Showcase Cinema



Kristian Thomas with Adam Hughes, Matthew Marson, Billy Downie and Phil Mace of Streety Academy





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## Wood pitch up to spoil hosts' party

**Boldmere 1 Walsall Wood 2**  
THE Mikes finally played a home game on their new 3G pitch but second half goals from Nick Wright and Drew Aiton spoiled the party as Wood won in the league for the first time since September.

After quiet start as both teams came to terms with the slick surface, it was the home team who threatened first when on five minutes Ben Usher-Shipway crossed from wide left to the far post, Alistair Bravns heading back across goal rather than goalwards.

Wood's first effort came on 11 minutes as Quenton Manase hit a pinpoint left to right crossfield ball to pick out Craig Deakin to run on and fire in a low drive that was easily saved by Lewis Fenney.

On 28 minutes with Wood screaming for offside Brad Lindsey raced into the right of the box, his cross flashing across the face of the six-yard box without anyone able to apply the finishing touch.

Having weathered the storm Wood nearly went ahead on 30 minutes, Nick Wright powered into the right of the box, his ball inside to Joey Butlin was hit first time but blocked by Adam Wood. Manase quickly onto the rebound, his low drive deflected the wrong side of the post.

The first goal at level 5 on the new 3G pitch came on 34 minutes fittingly by danger man Usher-Shipway, his clever run inside from wide left saw him float a ball into the far top corner.

Wood came out all guns blazing at the start of the second half, putting Mikes under pressure and on 50 minutes persistence by Deakin saw him set up Wright to equalise.

Wood got the goal their second half performance deserved with just four minutes left as substitute Aiton fired in an unstoppable effort.

On Saturday Stourport Swifts visit Wood - kick off is 1pm.

## Old boss Sneekes back to Dales Lane with his new club

**Warrington 2 Rushall Olympic 0**  
RUSHALL Olympic slipped to a disappointing 2-0 defeat at Warrington Town in the Evo-Stik League Premier Division.

The home side grabbed the lead in stoppage time at the end of the opening period when Rushall failed to clear their lines and Ciaran Kilheaney was able to sweep the ball home.

The second goal to seal the points came towards the end as Mitchell Duggan's mishit strike found the net with the aid of a deflection off a Pics' defender.

**Rushall Olympic 3 Brocton 0**  
EARLIER in the week, Pics beat Brocton 3-0 in the first round of the Walsall Senior Cup. Brocton are some 60 places below Pics but acquitted themselves well, Mickael Partodikromo, Joel Kettle and Isaac Cooper scored the goals.

Meanwhile, former Rushall Olympic boss Richard Sneekes is set for a reunion with the club - after taking over as manager of Sutton Coldfield Town.

The former Albion midfielder will take charge of his first game against Pics at their Dales Lane ground on Saturday.

## Loach looking for more of the same

TOMMY Loach was delighted to get his debut win in Walsall Town Hall in September and is hoping for more of the same in his second fight on Black Country Boxing's 'Going for Gold' show at the same venue on Saturday.

The West Bromwich fighter has big plans for next year but first he is hoping to go out with a bang in 2016.

"Hopefully this fight will just take me upwards and further on," he said. "This will probably be my last fight this year so hopefully I can get a good result and it can set me up for a great year in 2017. It felt unreal to get the win in September.

### Boxing

I had been waiting for it for so long so to finally get in there and get the win on my professional debut was fantastic.

"The plan now is just to box as much as possible and keep busy and keep working my way up the ladder."

The 24-year-old still works full time with Severn Trent but he believes his gruelling schedule will benefit his career.

"I am still working everyday like I was in the amateurs," he added. "It is even harder now I am

a professional to juggle both work and training but I don't mind. I have such a motivation to make it work so I will never give up no matter how much I have to do.

"I have had to sacrifice a lot to do what I am doing so I know I will be able to cope with everything."

Loach is joined by Old Hill super featherweight, Manny Zaber, who fights for a first professional title at the top of the bill. Walsall super lightweight Martin Gethin, Swadlincote's undefeated super middleweight Zach Parker, Chasetown lightweight Luke Jones, and Wolverhampton cruiserweight Joshua Burke.

# JUST NOT QUITE ENOUGH DON

**MK Dons 1 Walsall 1**  
IT was a game that - before kick-off - Jon Whitney had told his players to go out and make a statement.

And while in a roundabout way they still did, Walsall failed at the death to deliver a message that would have really shaken up their League One rivals, writes Joe Masi.

As the clock ticked towards the 90-minute-mark on Saturday, the Saddlers sat ninth in the table, one point outside the play-offs and with a game in hand.

It was no more than they deserved, following another impressive away performance that saw them control proceedings at stadium MK.

But right at the end, Dean Bowditch popped up to grab an undeserved equaliser for his side. And in a blink of an eye, Walsall tumbled to 14th. "You don't always get what you deserve in football," Whitney said in his post-match interview. And the boss was right because this was a clash where Walsall should have come away with all three points.

### Problems

Key to the Saddlers was the performance of Josh Ginnelly with the youngster's superb delivery causing all sorts of problems for the Dons defence. The Burnley loanee, making his first League One start, almost grabbed an assist when he whipped in ball was powerfully met by Scott Laird but Ed Upson blocked. It proved a warning of what was to come, as Ginnelly again picked out the left-back 60 seconds later. This time Laird did power his header into the net.

From that point on, the managerless Dons were there for the taking.

But with 15 minutes left, and little other option, they began pumping long balls forward in a desperate bid to find an equaliser.

By and large, Walsall dealt with the threat well. Until right at the end, one ball was only half cleared allowing Bowditch to curl in from the corner of the box.

It was a cruel blow. Now Walsall just have to make sure they get what they deserve from games.



Saddlers winger Josh Ginnelly tumbles under a challenge from Ryan Colclough

## Whitney's Holden out for replacement

WALSALL boss Jon Whitney is confident of adding a new coach to his backroom staff this week.

The Saddlers chief is on the hunt for a new assistant after Dean Holden left to take up a similar role at Championship outfit Bristol City.

Holden, together with Neil Cutler, had assisted Whitney

ever since he was appointed boss following the sacking of Sean O'Driscoll.

And his departure has left a key vacancy in the Walsall dug-out with Whitney believing the post will be filled this week.

Holden thanked Walsall fans for their 'fantastic support'. "I can't thank Walsall enough

for everything they have done for me, both in my playing career and my coaching career," the 37-year-old said. "The fans have always given both my family and I such fantastic support."

"In my personal life and in football they have always been great and as a family we really appreciate it."

## Laird keen to prolong Banks's stay

WALSALL boss Jon Whitney says the attitude and commitment of his players makes them the best group he has ever worked with - as full-back Scott Laird expresses his desire to stay at the club.

Whitney has been part of the furniture at the Banks's Stadium for the past 14 years, having previously been employed as physio and assistant manager.

He has had to mastermind a summer overhaul which saw 13 new players arrive and he is delighted with how the group is developing.

"They are the best group I have worked with," the 45-year-old said.

"They are a joy to be around because they enjoy their football and are all determined to bring success to this football club."

"They are a young group and there are going to be times when things don't go to plan but it's never through a lack of effort or desire with these players. "I'm very pleased with where we are at."

The Saddlers currently sit 14th in the League One table, three points outside the play-offs but with a game in hand on most of their rivals and full-back Laird is adamant the Saddlers are serious contenders for promotion.

The 28-year-old, who is on loan from Scunthorpe, has been part of a Saddlers team that is now unbeaten in their last six outings in League One.

He said: "We've got a great side here, one that can easily be up there. And I'm sure if we get up there, we will stay up there."

Laird has made a big impression since moving to the Banks's Stadium from the Iron. And he said: "I would like to stay and I'm really enjoying my football here. I can see that we can be really up there at the end of the season and I would love to be a part of that."

## Leaders go nap as key clash awaits

**Kings Heath 1 Bloxwich 5**  
BLOXWICH went top of the league after scraping through a scrappy game to pick up three points against Kings Heath Pickwick on Saturday.

Kings Heath opened the scoring within a minute, but Abu Saahil began the Bloxwich scoring with a dribbled short corner flick. He later added two more to his tally to get his first hat-trick for the Barbarians. Matthew Baldwin added another for Bloxwich with Mandee Sandhar getting one late on.

Bloxwich face a top-of-the-table clash against second-placed Stafford this weekend.

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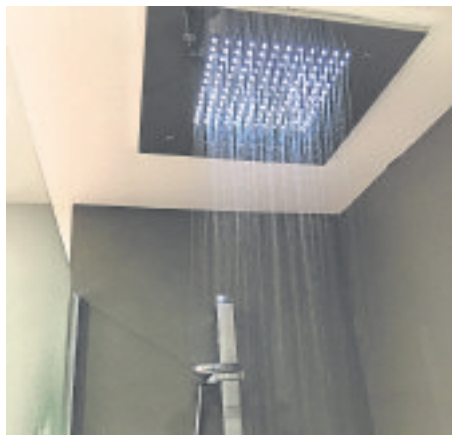
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